

COMMENT OF  
THE DAY

Singapore Voting

PERHAPS the first reaction of the diehards in Whitehall who grudgingly conceded the principle of self-government in Singapore will be one of dismay at Saturday's election results. And the protagonists of the concept of Empire are certain to claim that the results show that Britain is squandering away her possessions by premature grants of self-rule in her colonies.

Indeed the most surprising feature of the vote is that "left-wing" parties advocating a number of radical reforms have won a majority of the elected seats—13 out of 25—and that the Conservatives and Democrats won only six when they were expected, if not to sweep the polls, then certainly to secure a safe lead.

But the conclusion is hard to avoid that irrespective of the results of the first election and the record of the first elected Government, the two parties representing the wealthy interests in the Colony will attract less and less support.

That the electorate did "vote Chinese" was a reassuring development and indicative of the growth of Chinese political consciousness.

THERE is another complexity in the Singapore scene which is also evident in the vote: the division of the Chinese society into "English Chinese" and "Chinese Chinese". For years the former have been the dominant element in local government as the responsible and highly regarded nominated members. Saturday's vote possibly reflects a psychological reaction against their leadership.

Certainly it is wrong for political commentators to classify Chinese candidates categorically as pro-Formosa or pro-Peking. The distinction is so broad as to be invidious and does not take into consideration the various factions which, while undeniably pro-China, remain opposed to the extremes of Communism and the Kuomintang.

Singapore need fear no sudden drastic changes in administration as a result of the vote. A coalition including moderate elements appears inevitable. And the Colony's independence and the abolition of the emergency regulations will eventually be decided not by the Governor but by the Governor who reserves control of defence, finance and internal security.

Malicious

MR Grimwood, Director of the Hongkong Government Office in London, recently labelled the campaign in England against Hongkong manufactured commodities as "vicious." He is right; and it is also malicious as a comment appearing in the Mercantile Gazette, a Lancashire trade publication, illustrates. In it a Mr Cyril Lord, British textile manufacturer, is quoted as "agreeing with New Zealand manufacturers that Japanese goods are coming through Hongkong under British labels, but he says he cannot convince the Board of Trade of this."

The wretched insinuation is all too clear—that Hongkong exporters are transshipping Japanese goods under the guise of being Hongkong products, obtaining for them imperial Preference concessions. This fantastic allegation deservedly is spurned by the Board of Trade, which knows it has no foundation, but it is a legend which British manufacturers, jealous of Hongkong's competition, have no hesitation in quipping and requesting, presumably believing that if the lie is big enough, it will eventually be accepted as the truth. Mr Lord has no grounds for making his allegation, and the Mercantile Gazette's justification for publishing it.

INDO-CHINA ANXIETY



MR MENON

Formosa Talks

Eden, Menon Have Second Meeting

London, Apr. 3. Sir Anthony Eden, British Foreign Secretary, and Mr Krishna Menon, India's United Nations representative, continued talks here today on the situation in the Formosa Straits, usually reliable sources said.

It was their second meeting within 24 hours. They met yesterday for about 45 minutes and today's discussions lasted about an hour.

Mr Menon flew here last week after talks with the United States and Canadian governments on the situation in Indo-China, and in the Formosa Straits.

He is leaving by air for New Delhi tomorrow to report to his Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru.

Both will attend the 23-nation Afro-Asian conference beginning on April 18 at Bandung, Indonesia, where Formosa and Indo-China will hold top places in the discussions.

India is chairman of the international commission supervising the armistice in the Indo-China states.—Reuter.

Loses Arm,

Ignores Pain

Johannesburg, Apr. 3. Doctors here today reported the case of a patient who showed a complete disregard for pain after having lost his right arm in a road accident.

The patient, a young Johannesburg resident named Glen Stevens, had his arm severed four inches below the shoulder in a hit-and-run accident last night.

The young man got out of his car, picked up his severed arm, threw it on the back seat of his automobile and drove two miles to a friend's house where a four-wheel drive was applied to stop the fatal rebel chief from being taken to hospital in an ambulance. Stevens told ambulance attendants his story as he puffed on a cigarette.

Shortly afterwards, he underwent an operation. He was reported to be in a satisfactory condition today.—France-Press.

5 Ships Involved In Accidents

Southampton, Apr. 3. A wave of accidents sent crippled Italian, Dutch and British ships limping to port and left an English coastal tanker a near wreck today.

Only one injury was reported from the five ships involved.

Early today the 7,000-ton Italian cargo ship Valentine Bibolini and the 13,900-ton British Alva Star collided in heavy fog two miles off Brighton. The Valentine Bibolini was towed to shelter near the entrance to Southampton.

Conference In Washington Planned

LATEST SAIGON DEVELOPMENTS

Washington, Apr. 3. The United States and France are laying plans for a Washington conference on the dangerous situation developing in Indo-China, it was learned today.

Britain, through its diplomatic representatives here, was understood to be in close touch with France and the United States on the Indo-China problem. But present plans did not call for a British representative in the initial phase of the talks expected to begin late in April.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the Secretary of State or his Assistant Secretary for Far Eastern Affairs, was expected to represent the United States. Paris press dispatches said that M. Henri L'Aforest, the Secretary of State for Indo-China would fly to Washington to represent France but this could not immediately be confirmed here.

Informed sources said that a large part of the Franco-American discussions would be devoted to "house-keeping" problems in Indo-China and arrangements for the Vietnam elections to be held in 1956 under the terms of the Geneva agreement.

Representatives of the governments of South Vietnam and North Vietnam have arranged to meet on May 27 to negotiate arrangements for national elections.

It was learned that the United States administration also needed advice and information from France on past and present dollar aid spending in Indo-China to support its Asian requests to Congress.

STERN CHALLENGE In the meantime, British, French and United States officials were reported in continuing close touch on the present stern challenge of the Hoa Hao and Binh Xuyen religious sects to the authority of Premier Ngo Dinh Diem.

An informed source said that representatives of the Big Three Western Governments were seeking ways of bringing stability as quickly as possible to Saigon and the rest of South Vietnam as an essential prelude to an election fight with the Communists for control of the whole country in 1956.—Reuter.

OFFENSIVE LAUNCHED Saigon, Apr. 3. Premier Ngo Dinh Diem launched a powerful offensive against armed Hoa Hao rebels today and announced he would smash "to nothing" all foes of his American-backed regime.

At the same time, the Binh Xuyen sect announced it would lift its blockade of Saigon for three days at the request of the French and American authorities, in another victory for the Premier.

National Army headquarters announced that "strong forces" had gone into action against the Hoa Hao at My Tho, 37 miles north of Saigon, where a large number of troops commanded by the fanatical rebel chief, Ba Cut, was believed deployed.

First reports said so far no reports of fighting had been received. Tension soared in Saigon.

The American-backed Diem summoned more troops to guard his Independence Palace. French forces in steel helmets patrolled

She reported that four planes had been bunched and her stern post damaged in the accident, and her stern was awash.

The Alva Star, which reported back talks, also was heading for Southampton.

The Dutch steamer Volharding was towed into New Haven harbor after colliding with the British ship Monica M. off Eastbourne.

The 488-ton Dutch ship out of Rotterdam, reached New Haven with a 30-degree list and a 25-foot gash in her starboard side.

Harbour officials announced later today that the ship would be unable to leave harbour for several days.

The 543-ton Monica M. which reported itself only slightly damaged, proceeded to Dover.

The third accident came when an explosion shattered the coastal tanker Anthony M. as it discharged high-grade fuel at Shoreham.

Bevan Says: "I Make No Apology"

Fighting Speech To Constituents

London, Apr. 3. Mr Aneurin Bevan, the left-wing Socialist whose outspoken view brought him to the brink of expulsion from the British Labour party, said tonight that he made "no apology" for his activities.

He told an audience in his home constituency at Ebbw Vale that some people deplored that there should have been any argument within the Labour Party.

He added, "I make no apology to anybody whatsoever. I think this argument is so important that it ought to be carried on before the eyes and ears of the people."

SPEECH CHEERED

Mr Bevan's constituents cheered his speech—the first he has made to them since his colleagues in the House of Commons voted to disown him with the result he now must sit as an Independent Socialist. He escaped expulsion from the Labour Party after promising to submit to party discipline in future. Last night, leaders of the local Labour Party voted confidence in him.

Mr Bevan's speech tonight at Ebbw Vale's Palace Theatre was broadcast to crowds outside who had sung Welsh hymns while they waited for him.

He declared during his address: "Never in the history of mankind have we entered upon such fateful events as are being set loose at the present time."

Referring to "weapons of unimaginable destruction," he said, "the statesmen are still wondering and pondering whether these weapons are going to be kept under control or whether mankind is going to destroy itself in the second half of the 20th century."

SOLENN PROMISE

"I solemnly declare that I am not prepared to buy a successful public life at the cost of a shameful silence about the things I think," Mr Bevan said before his words were drowned in cheers and applause.

"If belonging to the Labour movement means we are going to be driven to vote for propositions in which we don't believe and in which we think the fate of mankind will be involved, then no discipline will ever drive me to vote for such proposals."

He was quite prepared to go on disagreeing with his colleagues. "But I am not developing a persecution complex," he added. "That would indeed be a piece of immaturity and personal conceit."

Declaring that Labour Party arguments were a sign of its vitality in seeking new ideas to meet new events, he lashed at the Conservative Party for being "all of one mind—if you can call it a mind."

"They have only one perplexity—how soon Sir Winston Churchill is going to retire. 'Inside the Conservative Party is the same kind of harmony that you will find in any graveyard.'—Reuter."

To Stand On Own Feet

Singapore, Apr. 3. Labour Front leader Mr David Marshall told Agence France-Press tonight that his party "would try to stand on its own feet."

He was commenting on current rumours of an impending coalition between the Labour Front which won 10 of 20 seats in yesterday's Singapore legislative elections on the one hand and the People's Action Party and the Malay-Chinese Alliance on the other hand.

Mr Marshall said, "If the Governor nominates four Labour Front adherents then, with four ex-officio members, the Labour Front will enjoy an absolute majority of 17 in the Legislative Council of 22 members."

This means that in such a case, the Labour Front could dispense with a coalition.—France-Press.

18 CHILDREN DIE IN CINEMA FIRE

Appalling Liege Disaster: Total Fatalities 39

Liege, Apr. 3. Fire razed through a crowded movie theatre tonight and at least 39 persons, including 18 children, were killed in a panic stampede for the exits.

Madame Anna Jacquin, caretaker of a school which was converted into a morgue, said 18 children and 15 adults had been identified as victims of the fire and crushing race for the exits. She said six other bodies had not yet been claimed. An estimated 100 persons were injured.

The fire was touched off by an oil heater explosion in the Rio Theatre at nearby Sclessin. In order to leave the theatre, patrons had to pass down a narrow corridor through three sets of swinging doors which opened inward.

ABDICATES



Ex-King of Yemen

King Was "Chased" Off Throne

Cairo, Apr. 3. The man who "made" King Ahmed of the Yemen was responsible for his abdication yesterday, reports reaching Cairo from the troubled Arabian kingdom via Aden said today. They named the chief who "chased" Ahmed off the throne as Sheikh Mohamed el Chami, Governor of one of the Yemen provinces and the King's principal aide when Ahmed fled against the Imam Abdallah al Qusair in 1948 after the assassination of the Imam Yehia el Sanaa.

The Aden reports stated that Ahmed's oldest son, the Emir Badr, managed to escape by plane from Taiz and to take refuge among loyal tribesmen. Badr, at any rate, does not seem to have recognised his uncle, he Emir Seif el Islam Abda, as the new king.

Self-will to have been put on the throne by religious leaders and the army. Unrest among the tribes led to the belief that civil war may break out.

In the meantime, communications have been virtually cut off between the Yemen and Aden, the British colony on the Yemen border.—France-Press.

Three Killed In Plane Crash

New York, Apr. 3. Two men and a woman were killed today and another man injured when their four-place Piper Clipper plane crashed nine miles west of Holyoke, Colorado.

Deputy Sheriff Elmer Hansen said none of the four persons aboard the craft was identified. The plane crashed during a blowing dust storm.—United Press.

BOMB OUTRAGE

Nicosia, Apr. 3. A bomb was thrown by a British armed forces near Limassol.

The pipeline, which supplies water to the British military cantonment, was damaged by the explosion but there were no casualties.—France-Press.

The flames were quickly extinguished after firemen arrived, but the fire had been raging for half an hour before they could reach the scene.

Mme Jacquin's nephew, Claude Monseur, aged 8, was among the dead. She said that in the panic the swinging doors were continually pushed shut and held closed by the pressure of the crowd seeking escape.

Shocked survivors said the audience had settled down for a quiet Sunday night out with the family when the sudden explosion rocked the little building at 8 p.m.

Panic spread among shrieking women and screaming men when the explosion blocked the exit near the screen and flames prevented the surge of spectators from bursting through to safety outside the blazing building.

Women carrying children were trampled in the crazed stampede.

EXIT ABLAZE

The fire spread rapidly to the emergency exit which was almost immediately under the screen. Two minutes after the explosion the screen and surrounding decoration were ablaze.

The fire occurred towards the end of the children's matinee. Children and adults ran in a panic toward the exits. Many of the children were trampled to death in the milling, fighting mobs which formed at the exits.

Liege fire brigades were on the scene half an hour after the outbreak. They quickly conquered the blaze.

The main job was carrying out the trampled and charred bodies of the dead.

Late tonight, only six of the dead had been identified. The dead were taken to two schools nearby where emergency chapels were erected.

The schools were besieged by frantic parents demanding admittance to find out if their children were among the victims.

The injured, many of whom were in a serious condition from burns or stamped injuries, were rushed to Liege hospitals. An emergency staff of doctors and nurses was called in to deal with the influx.

EMERGENCY CENTRE

The Town Hall of Sclessin, the Liege suburb in which the catastrophe took place, was turned into an emergency clearing centre. Spectators who escaped the fire were asked to report there to meet relatives.

A Sclessin cafe owner, Madame Rosine Sprumont, said, "Almost all of the people killed were children."

The fire started during a showing of "The Adventurer of Seville."

An eight-year-old survivor, Jean Pierre Chantreux, whose hair and eyebrows were burned off, said he was attending the movie with his mother and grandmother. He said:

"My mother, father, me and said run for your life. I ran for an exit. The flames burned me and people pushed me."

Jean, who was treated for burns, asked about his mother and grandmother. They were feared dead in the ruins. Only the front of the cinema was left standing.—United Press.

Egyptians Shell Settlement

Tel Aviv, Apr. 3. The Israeli authorities charged that Egyptian forces hurled a two-hour barrage of mortar fire into a Jewish settlement in the Negev Desert today, killing at least two Israelis and injuring 19, four of them seriously.

An Israeli spokesman said the attack occurred near the Gaza strip at the town of Nahal Oz. He said the wounded were being evacuated to nearby hospitals.—United Press.



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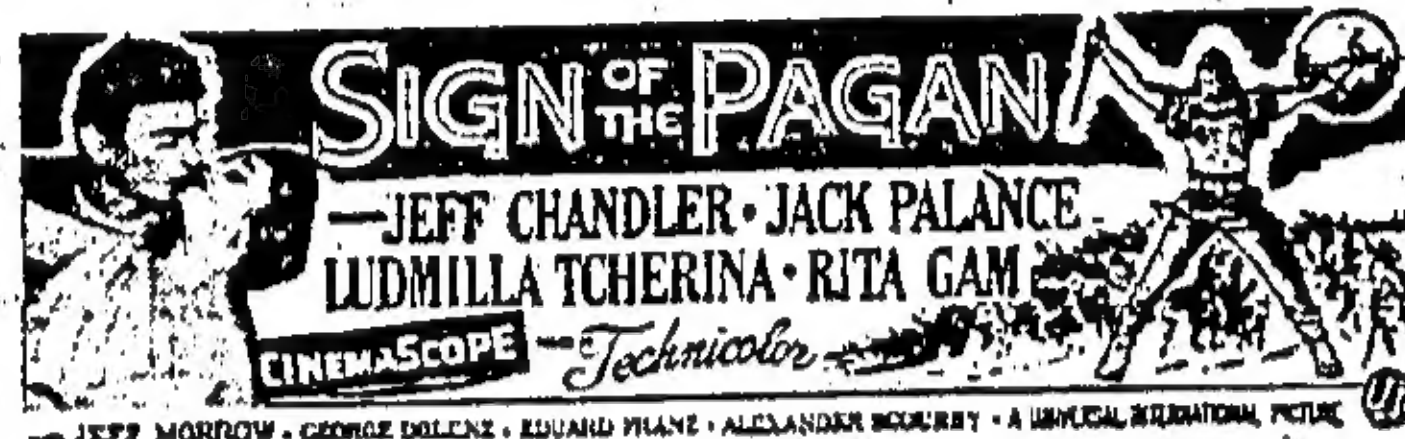
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10,000 Tribesmen  
March  
On Afghanistan

Karachi, Apr. 3.

Pakistan radio said tonight that a Pakistani official had persuaded 10,000 Pathan tribesmen to abandon a foray into Afghanistan today to "avenge" an attack on the Pakistani Embassy in Kabul last Wednesday.

The Afghan demonstration was in protest against Pakistan's recent decision to merge the tribal areas along her Northwest Frontier into West Pakistan.

According to the Pakistan Premier, Mr. Mohammed Ali, Afghanistan has been supporting an "idea" to turn the tribal areas into a separate state of Pushtunistan.

## WAR PARTY

Pakistan radio said tonight that a "lashkar" war party) marched towards the Afghan border carrying flags and accompanied by road pipes and drums.

They had gone three miles when the Pakistan political agent stationed at Fort Miran-shan in the tribal area dashed up in a jeep to intercept them. After speaking to them for half an hour the agent persuaded the tribesmen to disperse on assurances that the Government would take "stern measures to avenge the insult to the Pakistani flag in Kabul."

The Afghan Government has already expressed to Pakistan its regret for the Kabul incident in which the Pakistani flag was torn down from the Embassy.

Mr. Mohammed Ali told reporters on Saturday Afghanistan had offered to let Pakistanis pay a similar insult to the Afghan flag.

But he added that he had not accepted that offer and had demanded that the Pakistan flag be raised publicly in Kabul and saluted.

He said his Government was still waiting for the Afghan reply.—Reuter.

Rioter  
ArrestedSoviet views on  
Austria awaited  
WILL BE DISCUSSED BY  
FOREIGN MINISTERS

Washington, Apr. 3.

Soviet views on an Austrian settlement are expected to provide a major subject for discussion at the Western Foreign Ministers' conference next month.

The April mission to Moscow by the Austrian Chancellor, Herr Julius Raab, will by then, it is hoped, have clarified Soviet intentions on the completion of a state treaty which would restore Austrian independence and provide for the withdrawal of foreign occupation troops.

President Eisenhower has often said Soviet agreement to sign such a treaty would be accepted as the kind of demonstration of good faith which would clear the way for talks to reduce tensions between the Soviet Union and the Western powers.

IMPORTANT BEARING  
The results of Herr Raab's mission will thus have an important bearing upon the Western Foreign Ministers' exploratory discussions on the means of bringing about these talks.

But Washington officials were reluctant to make optimistic predictions. They were not enthusiastic about Herr Raab's visit to Moscow, they thought it possible the Soviet Union might exploit a settlement of the Austrian problem to frustrate Western plans on Germany.

The officials said the Western powers were discussing through diplomatic channels the possibility of issuing a statement of the Western position on an Austrian settlement before Herr Raab goes to Moscow on April 11.

Some concern has been expressed here that if Austria were

neutralised as part of her treaty, the Soviet Government might use this as a precedent for securing a neutralised Germany and preventing West German rearmament.—Reuter.

432 Dead In  
Philippines  
Earthquake

Manila, Apr. 4.

President Magsaysay last night set up a relief and reconstruction authority to speed rebuilding earthquake-ravaged Lanao Province on Mindanao Island, southern Philippines.

Philippine News Service, quoting late official tabulations at Lanao, said 432 died and over 2,000 were injured in the earthquakes.

Slight tremors persisted yesterday.

The Government is rushing food to relieve the shortage in the stricken areas.—Reuter.

A demonstrator in the recent rioting in Brussels shown being marched off by steel-helmeted police. The riots were participated in by thousands of Catholics who were demonstrating in protest against the reduction in subsidies to Catholic schools. —Central Press Photo.

New Soviet  
North Pole  
Observation  
Station

Paris, Apr. 3.

A new Soviet observation station near the North Pole—"North Pole 5"—is to be set up by the Soviet Union, Radio Moscow, monitored here, announced today.

According to the Soviet radio, a scientific expedition left Leningrad by air today, headed by Russian scientist Mr. A. N. Volkov, who is a member of the Oceanographic Institute of the USSR.

## SUPERIOR

Mr. Volkov said before taking off that the new observation would be on an ice-floe "in the neighbourhood of the North Pole" and that this expedition had superior equipment to former teams, in particular as concerned housing and means of communications, the radio said.

There are already two other floating Soviet observation stations around the North Pole in the Arctic Ocean, for which the Russian Arctic Research Institute is responsible.

These two stations were set up in April, 1954 and have so far drifted some 1,500 to 2,000 kilometres. The scientists of these stations are due to be relieved shortly.—France-Press.

Second Dust  
Storm Hits  
America

Chicago, Apr. 3.

The second big dust storm in a week whirled through the southwest and the Great Plains today on winds up to 66 miles an hour.

At the same time, a spring snowstorm hit Western mountain States. In parts of Wyoming and Montana the wind whipped the snow into heavy drifts.

Gale winds ripped up the soil and sent choking dust clouds flying from Texas and eastern Colorado northward to the Dakotas.

Visibility dropped to a half-mile at Childress, Texas, and a mile at Doherty.

## SNOWSTORM

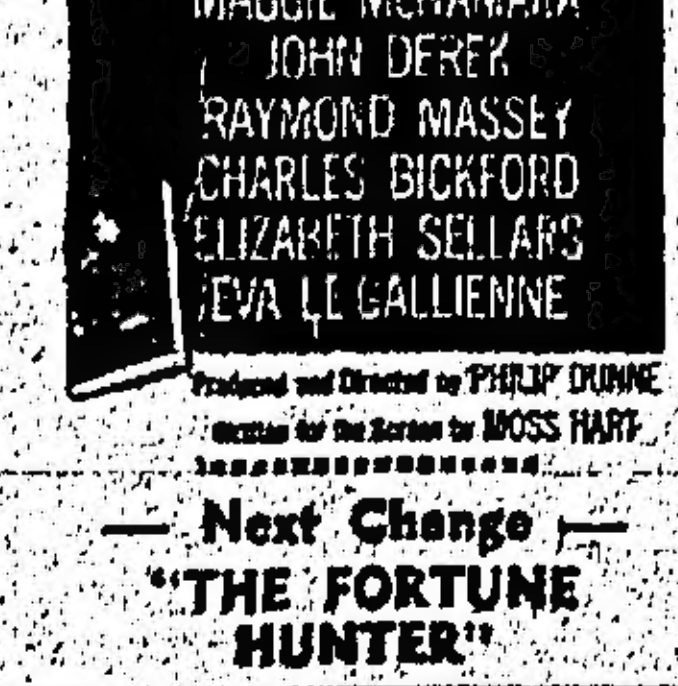
Salt Lake City was hit with a nine-inch snowstorm and 11 inches fell in six hours at Sheridan, Wyoming.

Temperatures around freezing accompanied the snow in the west, and there was some rain, and snow in New England. But sunny skies and temperatures in the 40s and 50s prevailed in the Great Lakes area while the Gulf States had readings in the 70s. Southern Texas was the warmest with Junction, Texas, reporting 88 degrees.—United Press.

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## No German Sector On Border

Bonn, Apr. 3.

SHAPE, the Atlantic pact headquarters near Paris is unlikely to allot a national "German" sector along the Iron curtain to West German armed forces when these come into being, authoritative British military circles said here today.

The best deployment of the German divisions which are not expected to be ready before 1958 or 1959 is con-

sidered to be as efficient for the existing army formations.

The British believe there is considerable agreement at SHAPE that the Germans should be fitted into the defence front in two—possibly three—army corps, each of three or four divisions.

It will be up to SHAPE to fit the 12 divisions which Germany is to raise into the existing defence map.

Logistics experts see no difficulty in planting these corps at separate points on the allied front. It is hoped that, by the time the question is topical, standardisation of weapons among the NATO forces will have made enough progress for many kinds of stores to be interchangeable from one national army to another in an emergency.—Reuter.

## QUEEN'S &amp; ALHAMBRA

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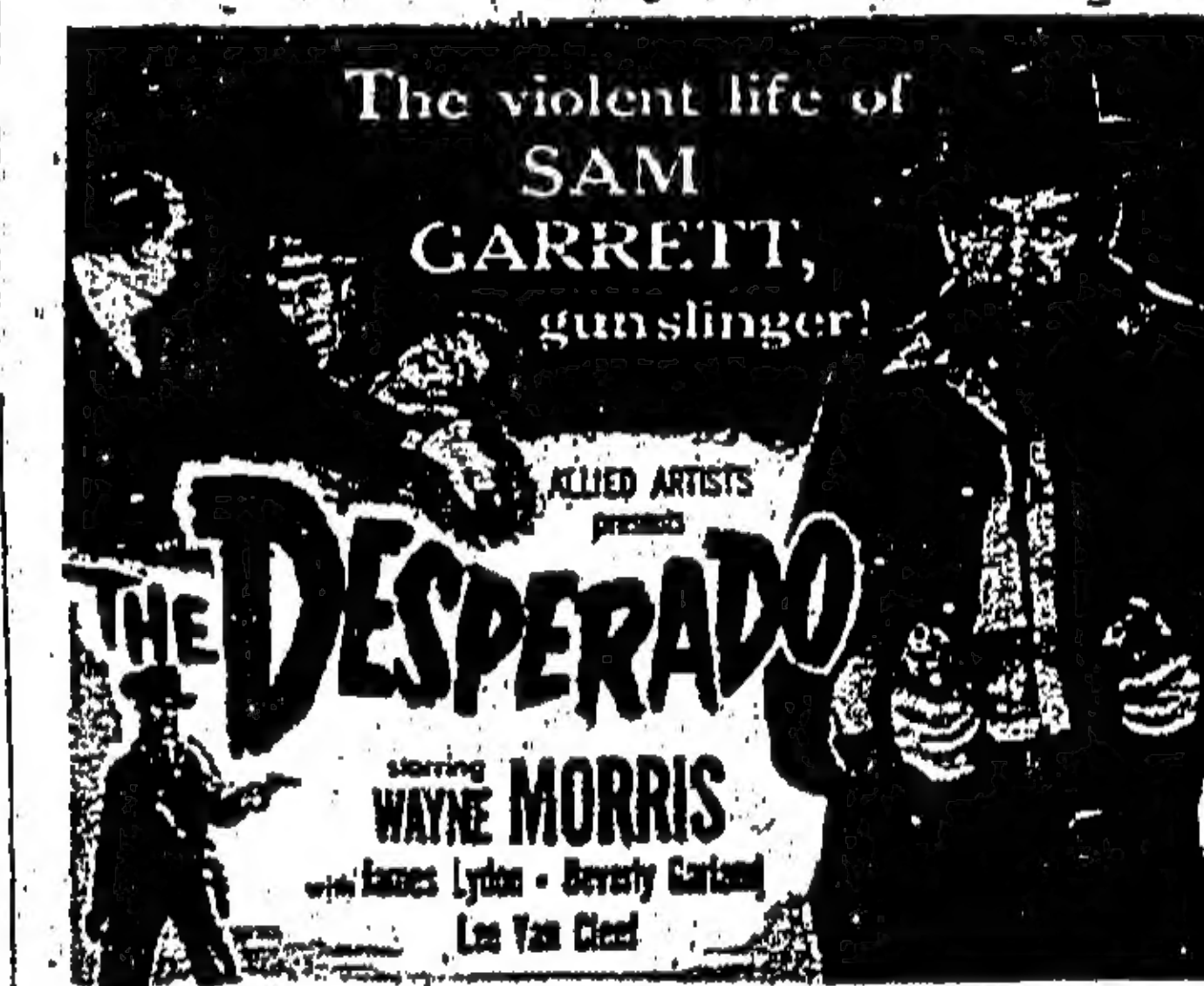
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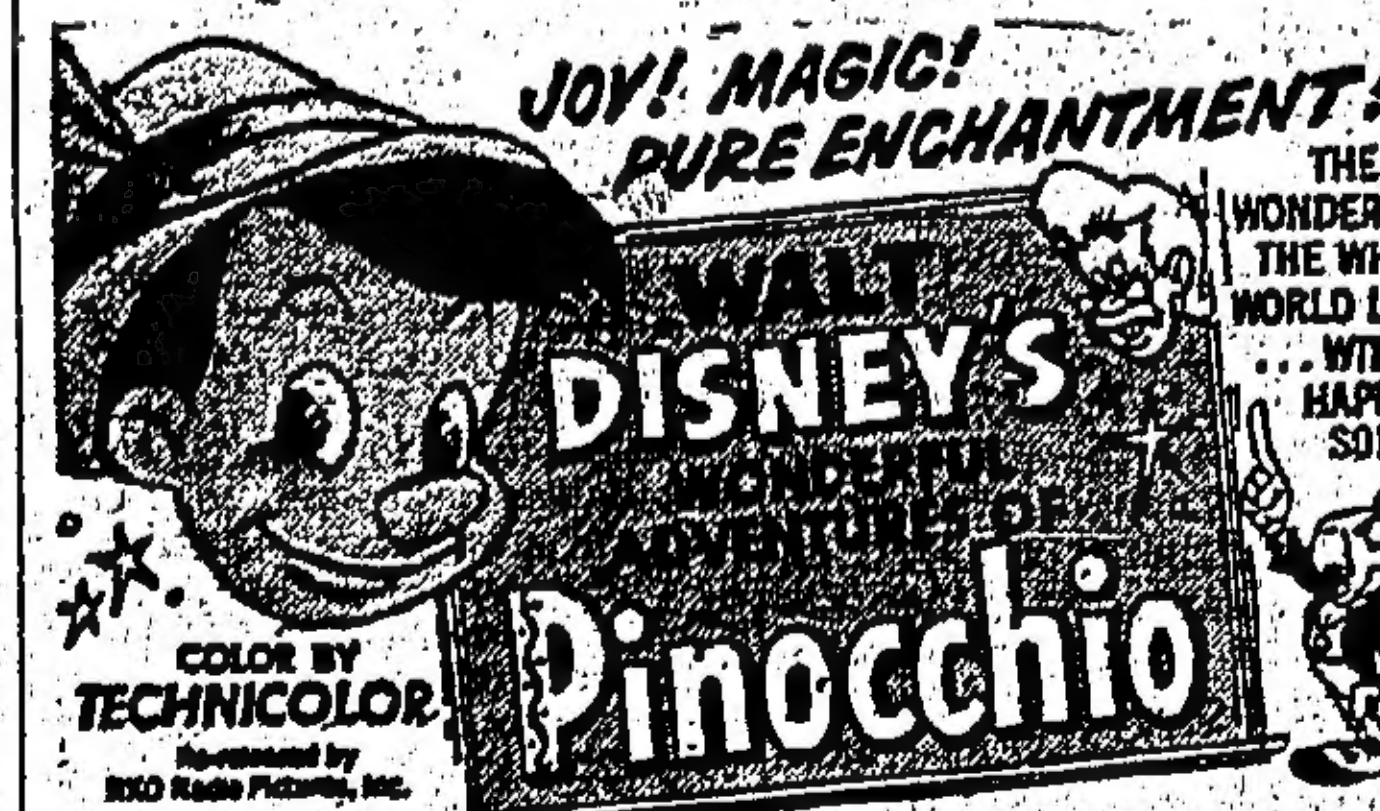
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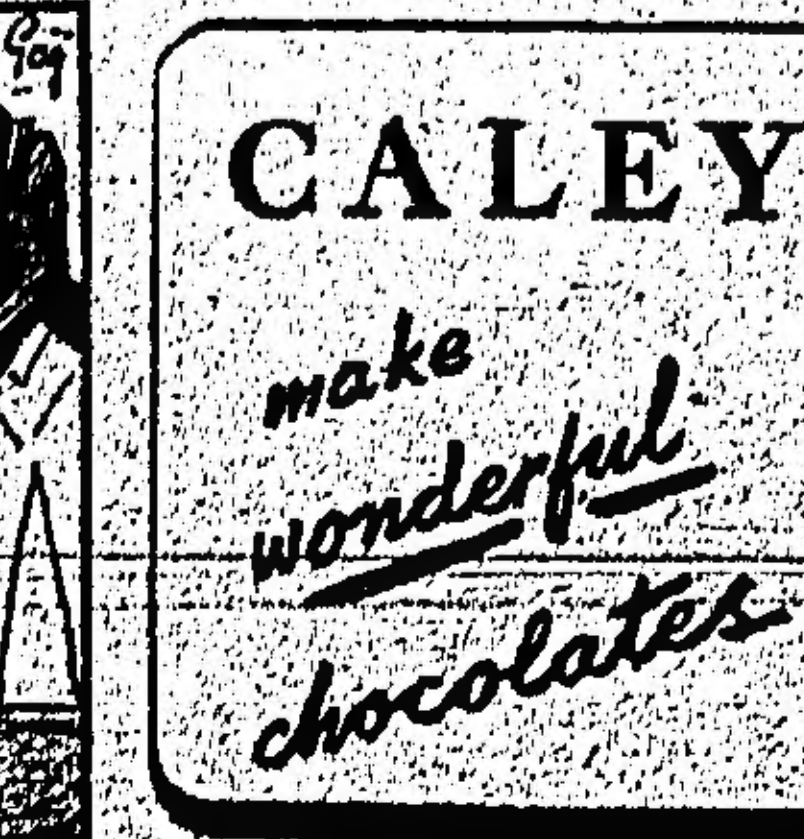
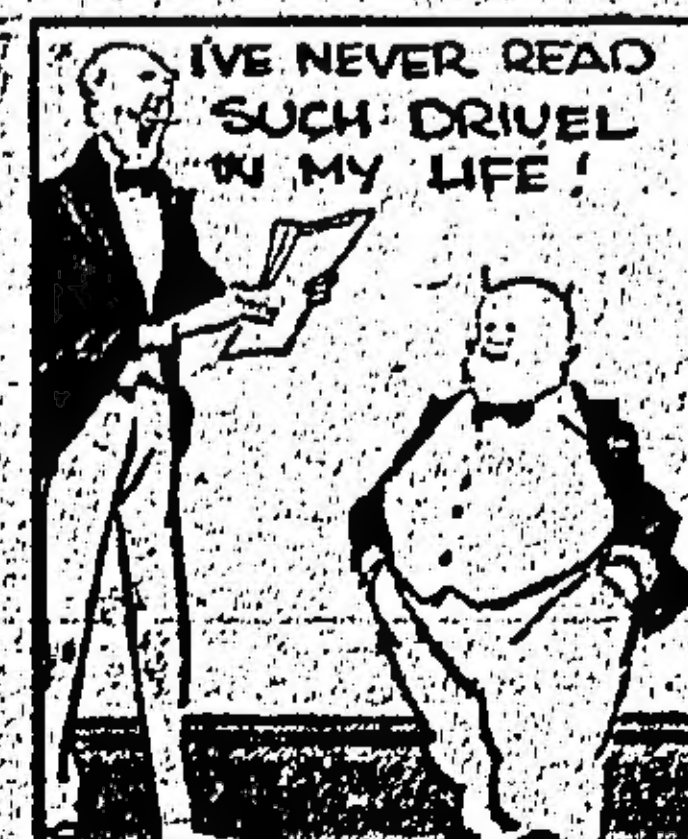
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## POP





# Russians Making Final Efforts To Divide The West

## SOVIET PRESIDENT MAKES APPEAL

Paris, Apr. 3.

Marshal Klementi Voroshilov, President of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR, said in Budapest today that "the Paris accords have been ratified, but it is not yet too late to prevent them from being put into effect."

In his speech, delivered on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Hungary's liberation, Marshal Voroshilov was reported by Radio Budapest to have blamed the United States for the ratification of the Paris agreements creating a West European Defence Union.

Marshal Voroshilov said the Soviet Union had "taken on more than one occasion, initiatives to lessen international tension and would continue to work for peace."

### ABROGATION

However, "the newspaper Izvestia said today that ratification of the Paris agreements to rearm West Germany had "made the abrogation of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties unavoidable."

"Otherwise," said Izvestia in an article broadcast by Moscow

Radio, "they would become a screen behind which Britain's and France's ruling circles would hide their participation in a bloc with the Bonn (West Germany) rearmament seekers spearheaded against the Soviet Union."

Moscow already had threatened in formal diplomatic notes to London and Paris to tear up the friendship treaties if West German rearmament were ratified. Diplomats had wondered, however, whether Russia meant to carry out the threat when the Paris accords were merely ratified or when they were ordered into effect.

Responsible diplomats generally felt Russia would delay denouncing the two treaties until the Allies have all ratified the Paris accords and German soldiers were given the green light to march.

Izvestia did say it was still possible to hold up the trend toward "new conflicts."

"It is still possible, before this happens (before the Paris agreements come into effect), to hold up this trend and put a halt to the preparation of new conflicts," said the paper. "No task can be more important at this juncture than that of strengthening peace and lessening world tensions."

### UNAVOIDABLE

But Izvestia said flatly: "The ratification of the Paris agreements has made the abrogation of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties unavoidable."

Both the British and French Parliaments have ratified the treaties.

The Izvestia article, signed by N. Polyakov, charged that the British and French Governments had "assumed full responsibility" for their future relations with Russia.

"The approval of the Paris agreements by the Parliaments of a number of Western countries has substantially changed the international situation," said Izvestia.

"The Paris agreements, as shown by their sum and substance, make the restoration of the Wehrmacht and Hitler's military potential and the integration of West Germany into militaristic blocs an official policy of Washington and its West European partners."

"This tends to aggravate the international situation and increase the danger of war. The governments of France and Britain, once they have become the allies of the German militarists, have assumed the full responsibility for the future of the Anglo-Soviet and Franco-Soviet treaties."

### WOO WEST

But the English language Moscow magazine News, set up specifically as a propaganda journal to woo the West, said in an article by its editor in chief, historian Evgeny Kosminsky, "We want to preserve the Anglo-Soviet treaty."

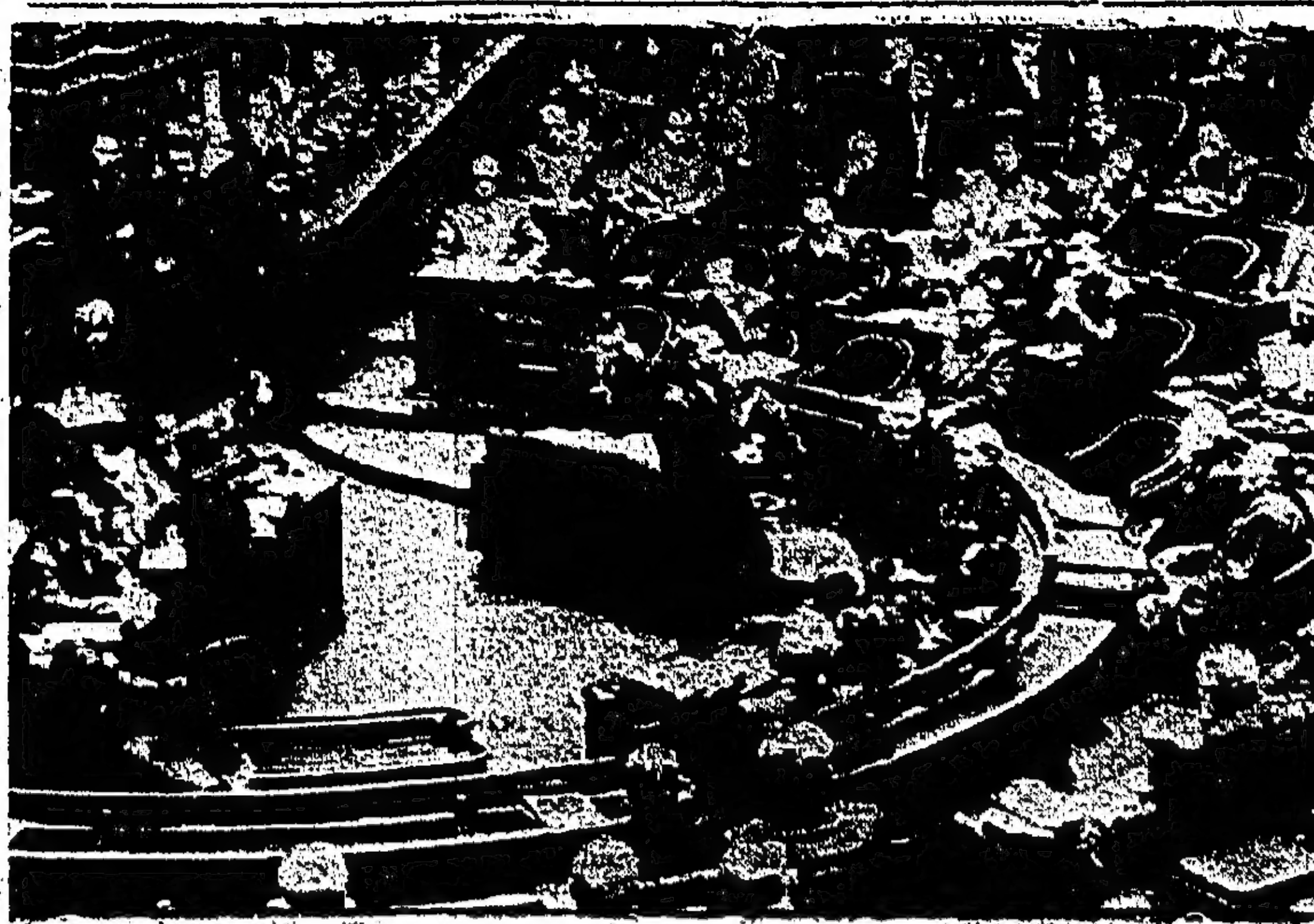
News said, however, "We can only do so if that (Anglo-Soviet) treaty is a reality, not a spurious harmful fiction."

"The matter now rests with the British public," —France-Press and United Press.

### A.A. TEST TODAY

Las Vegas, Apr. 3. The testing of an atomic anti-aircraft weapon, originally scheduled over the Nevada desert for today, has been postponed until Monday, because the aircraft which was to carry the new weapon had developed engine trouble.

The anti-aircraft weapon was to be released by the carrier aircraft at an altitude of 35,000 feet. —France-Press.



M. Edgar Faure, the French Premier, addresses the Council of the Republic in Paris, where he made a spirited and dramatic defence of the vital Paris agreement. —Express Photo.

## SPORTS FANS MISS PAPERS Spivs Cashing In

By Vernon Morgan

London, Apr. 4.

If anyone was ever in any doubt as to what constitutes the most important part of a newspaper the current national newspapers strike has removed it. Sport and racing in particular is what the British public are missing most.

Of course as a sport editor, the writer is biased, but for all that there is ample proof that those interested in sport are the worst sufferers.

Quite a lot of people one meets in the morning bus or evening train are quite happy not to have a newspaper to read, but not so the sports fan.

### QUEUE UP

Part of his daily fun has been suddenly taken from him and he does not like it.

Such public figures as the famous coloured tipster "Prince Monolulu" are queuing up soon after dawn outside provincial newspaper offices to get a list of the probable runners, jockeys and betting for the day's racing.

Without this the tipster and every racing fan is lost. Super optimists that they are, the racing fends will not believe the strike has saved them quite a bit of money. It is only the missed winners they ever think of. They conveniently overlook the losers.

A poll of the queues outside the provincial newspaper offices in Fleet Street has shown that virtually everyone was endeavouring to get a paper for

sports news of some kind. Mostly it was for racing, dogs and horses. Others wanted soccer and rugby though they have mostly been well catered for by the radio and television.

The "spivs" are again in full cry. They are printing news sheets with racing information and football results. The cost is sixpence, four times as much as a daily newspaper. Where they get their information is a secret for the racing, news, and the soccer results too, are copyright. But they get it all right and are doing a roaring trade.

Others somehow get hold of provincial newspapers and sell them to eager buyers for sixpence a copy. There is perhaps even greater demand for the evening newspapers with the racing results and starting prices than for the morning's. But all have a ready sale.

Bookmakers are making history by circulating to their clients the list of entries for the various races, but they do not have time to prove the probabilities. That is where the "spiv" steps in.

It is paradoxical to think that readers in nearly every country of the world know the Saturday football results before they were known to the general public in London, and that racing enthusiasts in South Africa had all the necessary details about the big race of the week, the Newbury Spring Cup, soon after the race was run, while Londoners were trying to get at least a part of the information.

### COMPLAINTS

Much to the annoyance of the racing fan the British Broadcasting Corporation will not "play ball" by giving either the number of runners or the betting returns. There are also complaints from people playing the football pools that they cannot get the necessary half-time scores off the radio.

The general public may be content with radio news headlines but not the sports enthusiast. He wants not only facts but to know how his team played or how his horse ran. In the latter case they are greatly missing information provided by the expert "sport" correspondents. —China Mail Special.

## FULL TIME CARPENTER

Bonn, Apr. 3.

A dead carpenter's device to keep himself in business is still worrying police and the fire brigade in the Mauerkirchen district on the Rhine near here because it makes farm houses burn down with ominous regularity.

The carpenter, Johann Bernhofer, hanged himself in a prison cell two years ago at the age of 77 after the police had found out about his trick of building "killing devices" into houses, so that they would burn down after a certain period.

Bernhofer, according to police records, designed his device during the world economic crisis in the early 1930's because he feared that the depression and slackening building activity might force him out of a job.

In all chimneys he helped to construct, he built in a panel of wood, which would burn through slowly and then expose a "trigger" that would fire the house. —China Mail Special.

## Pope Blesses Big Crowds

Vatican City, Apr. 3.

A SEA of palm branches and fluttering handkerchiefs waved by a big crowd in St. Peter's square greeted Pope Pius XII when he appeared at his study window on the top floor of the Vatican palace today to bless them on Palm Sunday.

The crowd which included many pilgrims from abroad called for the Pope until he appeared to give his blessing.

Branches of palm, olive and box were blessed and carried in procession in the world's Catholic churches today in memory of Christ's entry into Jerusalem over a road strewn with palm in his honour.

The Pope received today two intricately hand-worked palms made for him by the nuns of the Camal Delese Convent in Rome who are vowed to almost total silence. The presentation was made in his private apartments by his Dutch secretary, Monsignor Pieter Canisius van Lielede.

The 79-year-old Pontiff also made a speech on the prevention of accidents in industry when he received in the Vatican palace about 1,000 delegates attending a Rome Congress on this subject. —Reuter.

Milan, Apr. 2. Mrs. Ada Riva, sister of the celebrated maestro Arturo Toscanini, died here last night at the age of 79. —United Press.

## Collective Farm Bosses Blasted

London, Apr. 3.

Pravda scolded the fate of tens of thousands of collective farm bosses today with a bitter blast against lagging production in the rich black earth agricultural region believed "marked for a sweeping purge."

The Soviet Communist Party organ charged that the vast region was "lagging behind in the production of grain, sugar

beet and sunflower." Soviet experts said the Pravda editorial probably signalled the beginning of the shift of tens of thousands of hard-core Communist Party leaders to farms to replace present farm bosses and "left lagging production."

The Soviet Communist Party Secretary, Nikita Khrushchev, whose criticism of "soft" economic policies led to

Georgi Malenkov's removal as premier, warned last week that the massive replacement programme was on the way. He said so in a speech at Yoppezh in the black earth region, saying Moscow on Wednesday. He was on a "meet the workers" tour of the district, one of a series being undertaken by top Kremlin leaders. —United Press.

## RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

## Nehru Challenges All Countries

New Delhi, Apr. 3.

Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Premier, today called on the Soviet Union and the United States to declare their stand on what he called the "tyrannical oppression" of Africans and people of Indian origin by the South African Government.

Addressing a public meeting here, he said the protagonists of the Russian and American ways of life had pitched their flags in India and were distributing propaganda that India was "neither here nor there."

Mr Nehru added: "We are neither here nor there, but we are wholly on the side of decency."

### CHALLENGE

"I challenge every country in the world to give its opinion unquestionably on the naked racial persecution being perpetrated by the capitalist white government of South Africa on African and Indian people there."

"India is not prepared to tolerate this racial persecution under any consideration of anti-Communism or Communism. The African Government forget about Communism and anti-Communism and learn some decency," he said.

Mr Nehru also criticised the United Nations treatment of the

South African racial question. He said the United Nations passed some resolutions now and again then set back "with folded hands in a state of complete inaction."

Mr Nehru who spoke for nearly eight minutes in Hindi said the ruling Congress Party had been careful in declaring the country's objective of a socialist pattern of society.

Indian Communists and others were demanding confiscation of British and other foreign investments in Calcutta and other places but he would not do so because it would split India's good name and because India needed foreign capital to develop her economy.

"The Government" welcomed foreign capital and would guarantee such investments in India, he said. —Reuter.

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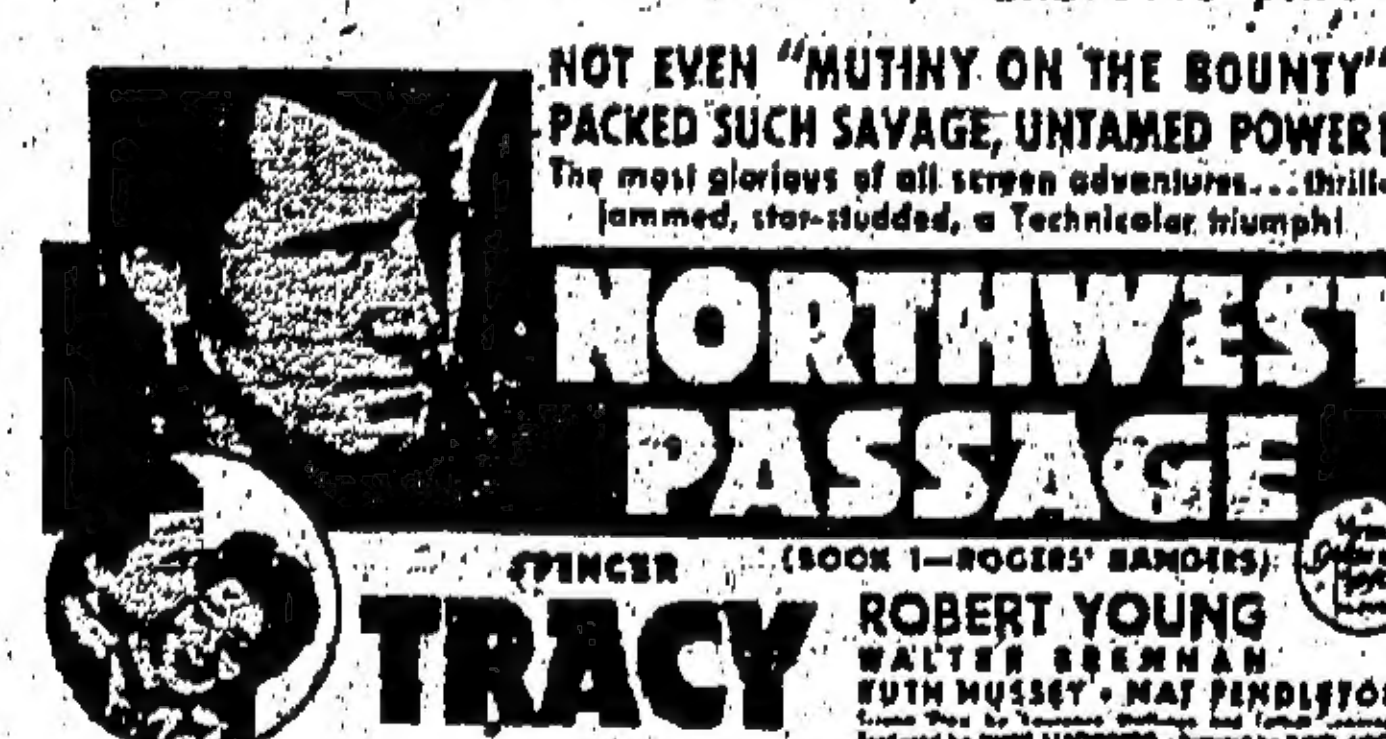


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## BROKE INTO PRISON

Melbourne, Apr. 3. A thief, believed to have been a former inmate, broke into Castlemaine prison, Victoria, and stole a safe weighing 400 lb. from the Governor's office. Police said the safe contained £135 (about £98 sterling) and a revolver. The thief escaped in a stolen car.

There were 22 prisoners in the cells at the time—but no night guard. The goal holds only "trusted" prisoners. —China Mail Special.

## PUT WIFE OUT OF SUFFERING

Paris, Apr. 3.

A 70-year-old Italian agricultural worker, Benedetto Gepponi, and his wife Madeleine loved each other, dearly.

They were getting enough money to live on out of a small patch of land in the neighbourhood of Menton and they were happy. However, illness struck them one day when Madeleine was found to be suffering from a tumour. Little by little her suffering became unbearable. Day or night she had no respite. She was hospitalised several times but with no result.

For seven long years, the husband took care of her, finding time to cook, sweep the floors and cultivate their land. A compensation of £200 for war damage melted like snow in the sun, in the purchase of useless drugs.

### FINALLY WEAKENED

Then, Madeleine began urging her husband to kill her. After resisting a long time, he finally weakened and bought a pistol.

He still hesitated. However, one day, when she was pressing him more than usual he placed the barrel on her chest and fired.

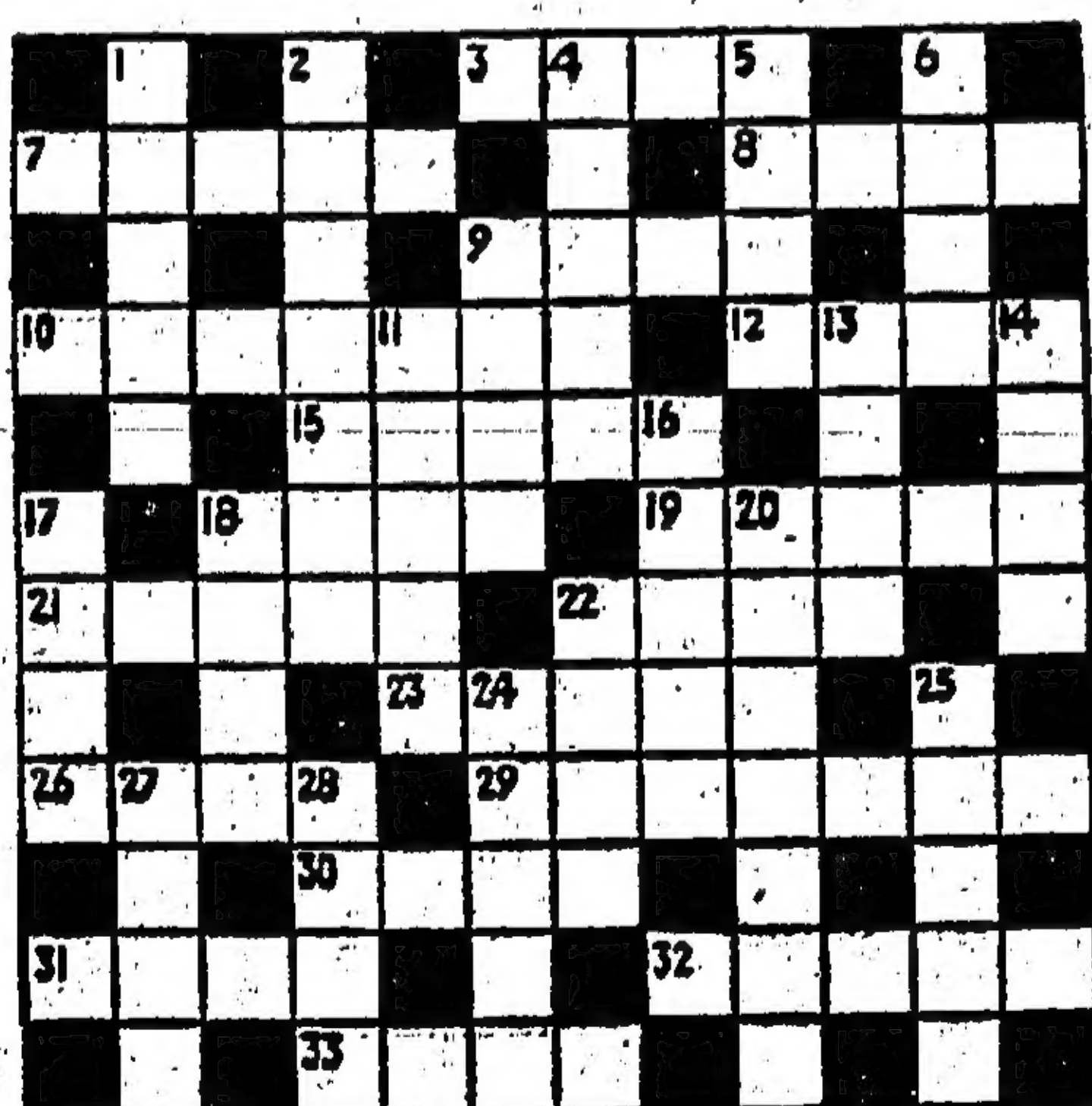
He then attempted to commit suicide but the pistol jammed. He rushed out crying, "I killed her! I killed her!"

When the gendarmes arrived, he was sitting on a chair by the side of his wife's bed, weeping silently.

To the judge examining him, he said, "I am 70 and have a clean record. But my wife insisted too much to rid her from her sufferings. And now, I am in jail but she knows I am not a criminal."

The old man was acquitted. —France-Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 3 Pleased (5).
- 7 Faction (5).
- 8 Way out (4).
- 9 Narrative (4).
- 10 Fourth part (7).
- 12 Facts (4).
- 15 Stadium (4).
- 18 Check (4).
- 19 Month (5).
- 21 Mixture (5).
- 22 Tale (4).
- 23 Idler (5).
- 26 Deposits (4).
- 28 Disrobe (7).
- 30 Land measure (4).
- 31 Retain (5).
- 32 Send (5).
- 33 Dispose of for money (4).

### DOWN

- 1 Indefinite (5).
- 2 Repeat (7).
- 4 Acquire knowledge (5).
- 5 Exploit (4).
- 6 Hoist (4).
- 9 Abound (4).
- 11 Tendency (5).
- 13 Unsubstantial (4).
- 14 Be painful (4).
- 16 Reuse (5).
- 17 Spoken (4).
- 18 Active (4).
- 20 Warded off (7).
- 22 Solitary (4).
- 24 Rustle (5).
- 25 On the move (5).
- 27 Highest point (4).
- 28 Weakens (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Assess, 7 Sure, 8 Dross, 10 Lasso, 11 East, 18 Commencing, 15 Tank, 16 Evan, 19 Contenders, 22 Moist, 24 Prize, 25 Imitate, 26 Warm, 27 Steady. Down: 2 Storm, 3 Enthusiast, 4 Select, 5 Assailed, 6 Ties, 8 Usage, 12 Takes, 13 Cream, 14 Minority, 17 Acorn, 18 Streets, 20 Noise, 21 Eland, 23 Opal.



# THE STORY of the film that has been breaking records everywhere

## SEVEN BRIDES

### for Seven Brothers

**D**O you trust your husband? Have you ever been able to trust him? It is my belief that no man, even when persuading a girl to become his wife, has ever told fewer than nine lies out of 10 statements about his true feelings, intentions, and background.

It would be enough to make a woman cynical about the male sex—except that a surprising number of happy marriages have developed from the ingrained habit of a man to deceive, confuse, trick, and bamboozle the girl he is determined to carry off to the altar.

Take the case of me, Milly Brown. I was persuaded to marry under false pretences, don't go further than me.

Rarely has a proposal seemed so full of bliss, and rarely has the reality turned out to be so doggone different.

YET you see in me a contented, not to say adoring, wife. I married a man who turned out to be a master of make-believe—a husband who knowingly pretended to be taking me, his bride, back to a paradise of happy life—and pitched her, instead, into a bear-garden, a madhouse.

There were moments, at first, when I would have preferred to be married to a cougar. But every woman has her tricks, and every woman can turn over the lyingest man into a loving spouse.

This is the story of how I, Milly Brown, was deceived, and learned to love it....

ed the meals. No one washed the dishes. Or sewed their shirts and trousers, replaced their buttons, kept them spick and span in case company came to call—a result of which company never came to call.

The seven brothers Pontipee were a wild, unprincipled, fighting, bawdy, raucous, reckless collection of young hooligans. And only the eldest of them, Adam, realised that what was wrong with them, why the nights seemed so long and the winter so much longer, was a lack of one thing. Wives.

That autumn day that Adam trapped him he had ridden into town, looking for a wife. I didn't know it was going to be me.

HE walked into the town store and, after handing over his sack of beaver skins, was told by Mrs Bixby, wife of the proprietor, that he was 80 dollars in credit.

He hung them down, straightened up his spare, strong body, pulled his masculine chin and said: "Mrs Bixby, I'll trade you for a new plough, two tubs of lard, a barrel of molasses, 25lb. of chewing tobacco—and you wouldn't have a wife under the counter there? I'm looking for a wife."

"Any special brand?" asked Mrs Bixby, sarcastically.

He grinned. "Well, yes. I like a widow woman that ain't afraid to work. There's seven of us men. Place is like a pigsty."

Mrs Bixby's expression wiped the grin off his face.

"Let me tell you, none of our girls are going to go off to bear-country with you—to wash and slave for seven slummocky backwoodsman. There's 10 men for every woman out here. You want a wife? You'll have to go east and get one."

Instead he went out, and got me.

At the time, I was working at a restaurant in the town, cooking the meals for visiting farmers, serving up drinks, chopping wood for the kitchen, scrubbing the floors, and doing a number of other odd chores. It was a busy life, but there were surprising gaps in it when I felt terribly lonely.

The shortage of women being what it was, and being a girl



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To bring back, from all the girls in town, six wives.

Tomorrow: The brothers seek their brides

# A LETTER FROM THE PALACE

set the Professor on the road to success

Amiable eccentric or inspired publicist?—that is the enigma of the 74-year-old boss of the Royal Academy, Professor A. E. Richardson, whose own work is helping to change the face of London.

By FRANCIS MARTIN

summary sketches and briefings into detail drawings. These others occupy a converted 18th-century kitchen at Avenue House (which has three kitchens in all), the only gaslit room in the place.

Many millions are being or have been invested since the war in buildings designed by Richardson. Not that his own amounts to much. "By the time the fees reach me from 80 to 85 percent has already gone in production costs. In architecture you are out to spend money, not to make it. It all goes."

His reconstruction of Trinity House, Tower Hill—"my finest work"—is intensely admired by others than himself. But what of his projected financial of his building in Cannon Street? When the perspective drawing of this project was shown at the Royal Academy last summer an anguished mean went up from certain architects, including the Architects' Journal, "which," writes Richardson, "cocking an ironical brow, 'I used to edit myself.'"

One critic found the design extremely dull. Another, lumping Richardson's design with "his other developments," projects nearby, talked darkly about a "spoliation of the City." Richardson puts all his articles into one bag and gives them a good shaking.

"These people," he says, "have never seen a building that really springs, rises, grows, from the ground. They only think of a building from the waist up. They expect steep windows on the ground floor. We are putting shops everywhere in this country. The effect is ruinous."

TWO YEARS

We went down to the draughtsmen's office. There the PRA showed me some of the Financial Times detail drawings, which are taking two years to complete.

"See here. This cornice is supported by pillars of crystal glass. They'll be flooded at night, giving the effect of an immense star. And look at this magnificent bronze clock over the entrance. I want sculptures round the dial in the grand manner, bronzes in the style of Cellini or Goujon. That's the way to be modern. There's no such thing as originality. Only variation. This building must express Administrative Power. It must be a City Palace—not a factory for clerks."

The PRA's eloquence is mesmerizing. The Financial Times facade had looked aggressive and hard-faced to me, suitable for the headquarters of some chain store. I went away steeped in awe at how opulent and majestic it was going to be.

THE commissions are plumper than ever: vast blocks in the city, stately war memorials, university colleges, venerable cathedrals to be repaired, vintage churches to be recreated from blitz shells. At his office in the West End, twenty architects' toil, tentatively, in Richardson's wake, turning his

commissions fall off. No new work came the partners' way for a year. Both, I imagine, contemplated switching to something more remunerative: selling matches or bootlaces at the kerb, for example. Then one morning a piece of manna dropped into their letter-box.

The letter was from Buckingham Palace. Somebody high up in the Household had read a recent work by Richardson on Regency architecture—"It was I who started the Regency revival," he claims—and with the King's concurrence, wanted him to improve Ducky, of Cornwall, the letter was sent to Richardson. The main job was the reconditioning of Tor Royal, a big house on the edge of Dartmoor which the King funded as a country pleasure, for the young Prince of Wales.

DEEP RELISH

Richardson remodelled Tor Royal and built a swarm of cottages and one or two farms with deep relish. He had one talk with George V and remembers every word of it, lovingly. "The King said, 'We have some very beautiful houses in the West of England.' Yes, sir, I said, 'very beautiful.' No, Victorian," asked the King. "Generally speaking, late eighteenth century."

That was all. But it sufficed. Richardson now had a future behind him, so to speak. Plummy commissions began to snow upon the young firm. "It was like something out of the Arabian Nights."

"Did the Prince of Wales ever use Tor Royal?" I inquired. "Not a bit of it. He went down there, took one look and said, 'I'm not going to stay in that damned place!'"

And today?

Richardson's wake, turning his

# SHE HAS A ROYAL TOUCH

— By — ANNE SHARPLEY

TEACHER of dancing, deportment and character to the Royal family, the titled classes and the wealthy for three generations is a tiny, round, golden-haired grandmother called Marguerite Vacani.

With no titles or stately home in her own background she has taught the Queen, Princess Margaret (and some say the Duke of Windsor) how to look royal, the aristocracy how to look gracious, and the wealthy how to look aristocratic.

And she does it by starting them young.

At less than two years the good Edwardian standards are instilled into her pupils (as they are now being taught to Prince Charles and Princess Anne).

Kindness

And it is all done by extreme kindness. Affection is impartially distributed to all Miss Vacani's "dear, dear pupils," and even the stranger can become "my sweetheart" and earn a "bless your little heart" after half an hour's acquaintance.

No child, however clumsy, receives anything but praise, until with this encouragement the arrears are made up.

Miss Vacani does not recognise change. The same nursery exercises and little dances to a rumply-tumpy upright piano have been taught to all her pupils all the time. She will admit this includes the royal family of Spain but will not discuss her other royal (British) pupils' lessons except to say, "They're pets. They're so good, you don't know."

Nor does she recognise economic change. Her fees have never been increased from three guineas for 10 lessons for the under-fives and 10s. more for the older pupils in nearly 40 years.

Edwardian

Although Miss Vacani seldom takes lessons herself now (she "supervises" at the Palace, but her niece, Miss Betty Vacani, actually gives the lessons) her portrait as a golden-haired Edwardian goddess dominates the classroom in her school in the Brompton Road.

Lessons have a decorous but partyified air. The teacher sets a glorious example by wearing a silver organza frock with a neckline of brilliant, Princess Mediam of Johore, arrives in an ermine coat and bonnet. Filled organza and red ballet shoes are correct wear and boys are in the usual short supply (three to 17 girls).

Unfortunate is it that Miss Vacani is not able to be there to give one of her unforgettable demonstrations of "How not to" followed by "How to." She can be irrepressibly comic and then will put on a flowing grace and increase in height that is astonishing before she drops to a curtsy that is still, flawless and has been the same for 30 years (price one guinea the curtsy lesson).

Her voice, bracing, sometimes brusque and dull of motives, must ring in royal and aristocratic heads when the spirits sink and graciousness temporarily deserts ("I can't do it," "Get up and get down to it," "Your eyes are fearfully blue over the bright lipstick that stresses the firm set of her mouth. And it is typical of her that she gives 'plain old cream' (her only beauty treatment) the same ring of virtue as 'plain old water'.

Questions

Yet she has many secrets. Her age, her height and her origin are all questions she will wave aside (Miss Vacani is one of the people who does literally wave questions aside).

The Vacani method is taught all over London by Vacani-trained teachers.

And visitors to her Dresden-filled flat in Curzon Street are treated to a view of an enormous piece of cardboard, as big as Miss Vacani herself. Writers on both sides are her "country classes."

They spread as far as Northumberland. Miss Vacani, like the post-boxes, manages to give the impression that outside London there is one vast, unbroken rural tract.

ARTIE'S HEADLINE

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Leonard Mosley writes this version of the film

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I WAS very much in love. I smuggled close to Adam as we drove back on the cart to his farm. I was so happy that, going through a canyon, I started to sing. "I want to cheer," I said.

"Go ahead," said Adam. "Hooryay," I shouted. And instantly from the canyon came back my voice: "Hooryay."

Said Adam: "It's Echo Pass. Taint safe to raise your voice in the winter. Might start an avalanche. See all that snow waiting up there? I cussed my horse too loud one winter and the snow slipped—and we were snowed out all spring."

I said: "I don't mind being snowed up with you."

And then we came to the farm, and I found that there were six other brothers too. What brothers! There was Benjamin and Caleb and Daniel and Ephraim and Frank and Gideon—all of them as covered in hair as apes, as quarrelsome as monkeys.

The house was a mess. When I cooked my first meal they fought to get the largest helpings. I had to beat them over the hands with a red-hot spoon to make them pause while I said grace.

"Why didn't you tell me about them?" I asked Adam. "He looked sheepish. 'You mightn't have seen.'"

"You should have warned me," I stormed. "Why don't men tell the truth to their wives before they marry them?"

Adam looked even more down-fallen.

As for me, I was appalled. There was no turning back now. I was married. I loved my husband, even though he had so grossly deceived me. But the thought that for the rest of my days, I might have to cook and wash and sew and quarrel with those six wild brothers was terrifying.

WHILE Adam slept, I cried—and worried and schemed. It took me about two weeks to work it out and then I had the answer. If Adam could go to town and find me and marry me—why couldn't the brothers find themselves wives too?

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# HONGKONG - 7 MACAO - 3 FRILLS BUT FEW THRILLS AS HONGKONG SCORES GOALS AGAINST MACAO

By I. M. MacTavish

Don't let the final score mislead you. This star-studded Hongkong combination was no great shakes and if Macao had managed to square the score at three goals all—as they richly deserved to do—this report might have required very different treatment indeed.

Few Hongkong reputations were enhanced... and one or two gathered more than just a little tarnish during the 90 minutes that this annual interport match lasted at the Club Stadium yesterday afternoon.

## Olson Wants To Fight Marciano

San Francisco, Apr. 2. Carl (Bobo) Olson, World Middleweight Boxing Champion, is seeking a bout with Rocky Marciano for the world heavyweight title.

Olson's manager, Sid Flaherty, said today that Olson wanted to try and arrange a bout with Marciano. He added that if Olson beat Joey Maxim, former light-heavyweight champion, in their 15-round bout here on April 13, he would seek a match with the world light-heavyweight champion, Archie Moore.

## SANTÉE RUNS MILE IN 4:00.5

Austin, Texas, Apr. 2. Wes Santée, the American miler, came within five tenths of a second of the four-minute mile today when he clocked four minutes 0.5 seconds at the Texas relays meeting here.

Only two men have achieved the four-minute mile. Britain's Roger Bannister was the first to do so with his historic run of three mins. 53.2 secs. at Oxford last May. John Landy of Australia clocked three mins. 58 secs. in Finland last June to set up a world record.

A goal by Chu Wing-keung in the first minute of the game gave the locals a mistaken impression that they were in for an easy career... but when the interval arrived, to see a Monaco side launched on all out attack on the home goal.

Things were a bit better after the interval and for almost the first time the crowd got something to shout about. Goals are the jam on the football bread and with nine of them in the 90 minutes the spectators got a very generous ration indeed.

Chu Wing-keung started it for Hongkong in the first minute when he took toll of some loose defensive play to crack one into the net.

Paulo then chalked one up for Macao only to see Ho Cheung-yau restore Hongkong's two-goal lead with a half hit shot that goalkeeper Mantelgas could not save.

At this stage of the game Macao played with great spirit and fought desperately to get on level terms. They were never able to match the home side in skill but they were away out in front of them in good honest enthusiasm.

With a minute left for play Wai-Fat-kim carelessly allowed a cross shot to pass him. He appeared to think it was going wide of the post but it struck the upright and rebounded to Alberto, who was pulled down by Lau Yee as he went to shoot.

The penalty kick Paulo brought his side's total up to three.

The display of the Hongkong side was as depressing as the weather. They started off with an air of... this is going to be easy... and their early play seemed to confirm their mistaken impression for few of them raised the semblance of a goal during the first half.

In the second half things were only a little better but a steady stream of goals that were as much a result of poor defensive play by the visitors as anything else put the game on a level that was not far from a draw.

The penalty came when he misjudged a cross shot. In addition to that he was never the cool confident keeper that we have come to know and his uncertainty spread to the men in front.

Hau Yung-sang, and Lau Yee make no claim to being speed-merchants and on this slippery turf they were often beaten on the turn.

Chu Wing-keung's selection as replacement for Au Chi-yin complicated the forward play. Three ball players in the inside position provided little but few thrills and although Chu got three goals he overdid the juggling act that he now uses to disguise his lack of pace.

Yin Cheuk-yin, had a quiety efficient game and his sudden bursts and two cracking goals made him the real spearhead of the attack. Wingers Mok Chun-wah and Chu Wing-wah were fast and clever, but towards the end I lost count of the time the little left-winger was caught off-side.

The visitors must feel some disappointment for the way the game went. They played with fine enthusiasm and until Hongkong scored for the fourth time they were giving as good as they got without ever matching the local side in basic skill.

Mantelgas—playing without gloves—was again a disappointment. He made good saves and strange errors in goal succession, and on this occasion he might have saved more than one of the goals.

Ho Sing, hard as he tried, never got control of Mok Chun-wah, but his partner German played a solid game and as the game wore on he found the star man in defence and got good, if somewhat inconsistent support from his namesake and Marques in the wing-half positions.

Centre-forward Chung had neither the strength nor the guile to put a way through the home defence and it was left to Paulo and Alberto to find the goal. Paulo was a sprightly left-winger but Alberto looked out of position on the other touchline, yet during the time Macao was pressing, he slipped past Lau Yee with surprising ease on several occasions.

VERMOREL. If judged only on goals this was a decisive home win... but to those of us who know the capabilities of the men in Hongkong shirts the game was a great disappointment... and without the 'rub-of-the-green' the result might have been disappointing too.

The Olympic Games to be held in Melbourne from November 22 to December 8, 1956, will focus on the Melbourne Cricket Ground, and adjacent Olympic Park. The MCG, situated within a mile of the city, will be the main stadium for the Games. Opening and Closing Ceremonies, athletics and field games and hockey and soccer finals will be held there. The MCG's capacity is being extended for the Games from 25,000 people to 104,000.

Nearby Olympic Park, former headquarters of Victorian amateur sport, has been completely re-modelled into Australia's finest sports centre to fit it for its 1956 role. It will be the venue for Games, swimming, diving, water-polo, hockey, soccer and cycling.

In addition, two of the three new ovals being built will be used for training. A further big Olympic project is under way at Heidelberg, seven-and-a-half miles out. Here a \$2,000,000 (Australian currency) Olympic Village is being built to house over 5,000 international athletes during the Games.

It is in parklands near the centre of the city. The principal Games sites are the Melbourne Cricket Ground, right, and Olympic Park Background. On the left is the Richmond Cricket Ground, teams' assembly point for Opening and Closing Ceremonies.—Express Photo.

Wahoos Aces scored in easy 15-1 victory over their sister team, the Bees, to regain the Ladies' Senior Championship which they lost to the Coleens last year. Overseas Ladies clinched the Junior Pennant by handing a 9-4 decision to the less Lady Athletics from CAA.

Senior "A" Champions, St. Joseph's, whipped the jolting Braves 11-3 to complete their schedule for a good record of 11 victories and one defeat, which no team had achieved since 1952.

Old timer Dave Leonard connected two homers during the game. Blackhaws Bees edged the Dukes 5-4 in the Junior play-off series. The tricky match between the Americans and Pandas Aces was cancelled. The day started with the Ladies' Senior Play-Off Series game, Wahoos Aces vs. Bees.

It was rather one-sided as the Aces took the offensive right from the start. They forced full bases after one down but the Bees pulled a double play to end the inning.

## Wally Will Ride Lightweight For Jack Jarvis

By THE SCOUT

Few jockeys have ever succeeded in heading off a rival while still an apprentice. If such a feat is performed this year, the most likely boy to do it will be Wally Swinburn.

In addition to riding for his master, Armstrong, Wally will ride lightweights for Jack Jarvis. Bill Rickaby, first jockey to the Jarvis stable, do less than 8 st. 4 lb. There will, therefore, be scope for young Swinburn, whose weight increased greatly from last year.

"I think I will be 6st 10lb without any boys in having lightweights," says Wally.

Wally, 18 years old, is a light, other prominent jockeys, Tony "Rock" Gaston, both still claim a riding "bought area."

LEVEL TERMS. Says Peter, "There is no level terms with the jockeys this season. This is in keeping with the weight-as-opposed-to experience policy started working on horses as well as jockeys plan to bring the was the viewpoint expressed to the name of Wally's racing masthead."

He should be working at counter such as Expon and Worcester nerve and dash are the most important factors in 1954 was the number of full away Ebor Handicap.

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## Brundage Denies Newspaper Reports

Sydney, Apr. 3. Mr Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, said here today there was no foundation to reports that he would "take away the 1956 Olympic Games" from Melbourne because of preparation delays.

Mr Brundage, who arrived here earlier today from the United States said he had read the reports originating in Melbourne newspapers and these had caused him to make the visit to Australia to help things going for the 1956 Olympics.

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# SCOTTISH FOOTBALL GETS BRUSH-OFF

By JAMES ANDERSON

Scottish football has slumped in popularity, at least overseas. Not a single top club has received a firm offer to tour abroad this summer. Normally Spring finds leading sides deciding which country would be the attractive. Since the war Scots club teams have played from Belgium to and everywhere in between.

the present lack of

likely explanation is

its poor showing in the

that the world-wide

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movement has been made

who can blame them?

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PETER KEENAN

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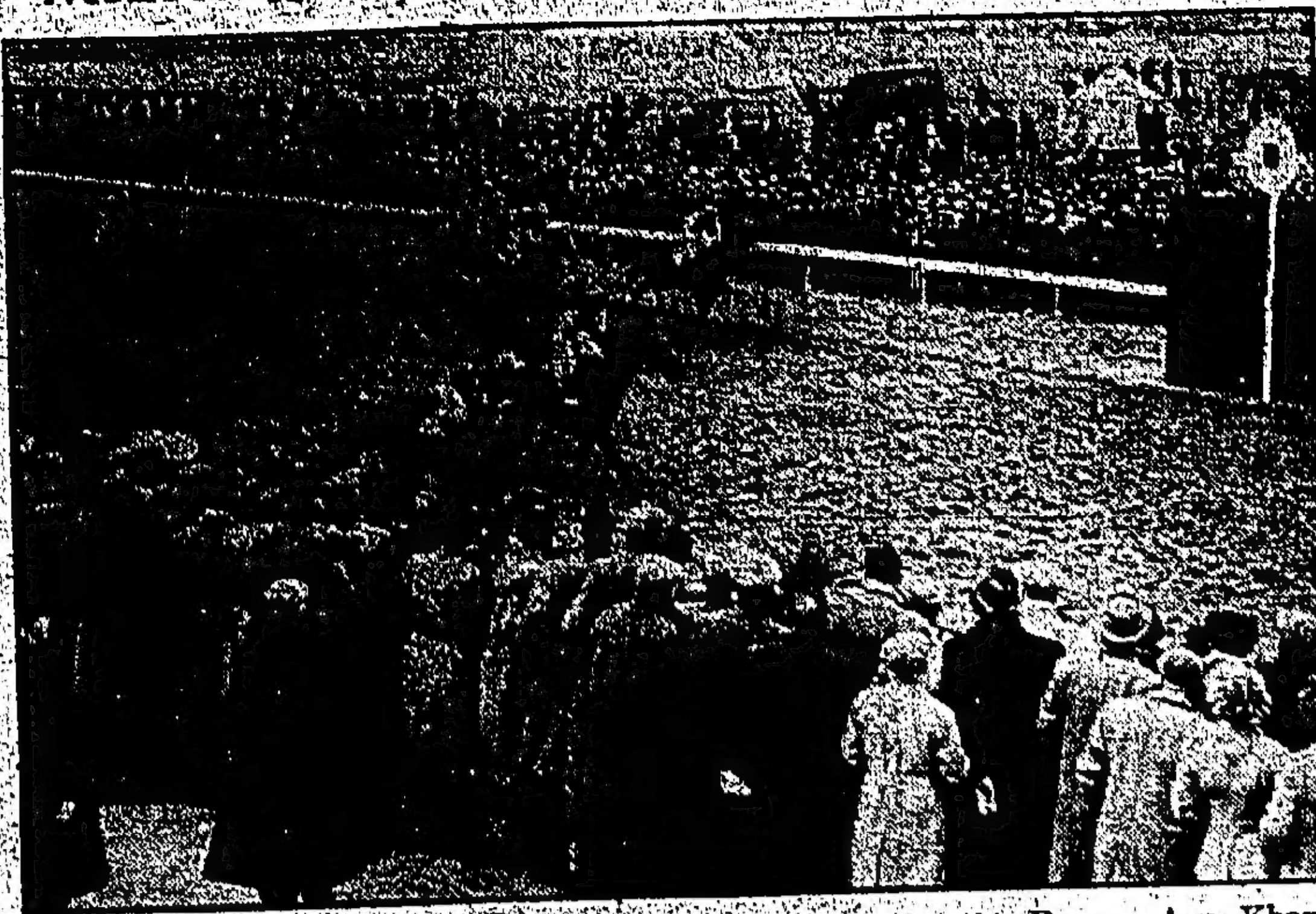
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## MILITARY COURT WINS LINCOLNSHIRE



An exciting finish to the Lincolnshire Handicap as the Begum Aga Khan's Military Court, ridden by E. Mercer (nearest camera) races home ahead of Mr. M. Kingsley's Harry Lime, with K. Geth in up (next to him) and Mr. G. P. Graham's Three Star II, ridden by D. W. Morris, who was third. — Reuterphoto.

## HORSES TO BACK IN 1955

# Seven Furlongs Or The Mile Will Suit Chivalry

Says JAMES PARK

The main problem in selecting 12 horses to follow throughout the season is to try to make sure that they will clash as little as possible. Therefore my list is made up of six three-year-olds and six older horses. It includes sprinters, milers, middle-distance performers and stayers. I have seen them in the past few weeks and can vouch for their well-being.

For the most part the horses

will be running in handicaps.

That gives a better chance of a

good price than in condition

races. I have fought shy of the

champions, whom, anyone, can

pick out for themselves.

There are no two-year-olds.

I have admired many in my

tour of the stables, but whether

they are as good as they look

will not be known until they

appear on the racecourse.

I suggest no method of stak-

ing. In the past results have

always been calculated on the

basis of a level stake.

The Twelve to follow are for

those who like an occasional

bet.

The first four in my list ap-

pear below. They are given

in alphabetical order.

CHEVALRY (3 years; bay

horse by Prince Chevalier—

Ann of Austria).—This horse,

owned by Mr. P. Hatvany and

trained by Tom Rennie, father

of the National Hunt trainer

Fred, has paid his way since

his two-year-old days.

He made much progress last

season.

## ONE DOUBT

As a result of the victory in

the Royal Hunt Cup the horse

got too high in the handicap.

That was the one doubt I had

before deciding to take the risk.

I hope it will be adjusted in due

course. Chivalry is honest and

does not need a lot of work. His

right distance is from seven

furlongs to a mile.

CRITICISM (6 years; chest-

nut gelding by Orthodox—

Superior).—This horse is happy

at anything from a mile to a

mile and a quarter, but there

is not much fear of him clashing

with Chivalry.

Criticism will not be running

in top class handicaps. He is

trained in Yorkshire by ex-

## Boxer Dies In Ring Without Being Hit

Obernburg, East Germany, Apr. 3. Werner Bopp, 17-year-old Hessian Heavyweight, Junior Boxing Champion, Celtic, Hearts, Aberdeen, Hibs and Dundee, collapsed and died from heart failure in the ring here today without having been hit once by his opponent.

A doctor who had examined him before a contest in the German Junior championships and pronounced him dead after he collapsed, said Bopp probably became too excited.—Reuter.

## Egypt's English Channel Swimmers For Canada

Cairo, Apr. 3. The Egyptian Swimming Federation has engaged two of its crack long-distance men to compete in the race across Lake Ontario, Canada, it was announced here today.

The Egyptian swimmers to compete in this 44-mile crossing on September 5 next are Hamed Moustapha and Abdel Latif Abou Neit, both veterans of the English-Channel crossing.—France-Press.

## AMPON TO PLAY IP TODAY AT CHATER ROAD

The Lawn Tennis Association announced this morning that the first exhibition matches between the Philippines Davis Cup team and Hongkong will be held at Hongkong Cricket Club this afternoon.

The programme is as follows: J. Jose v Ng Man-cheung (4.15 p.m.) R. Deyro v K. C. Dao (5 p.m.) P. Ampo v K. H. Ip (6 p.m.)

## INTERNATIONAL SOCCER

Amsterdam, Apr. 3. Holland beat Belgium 1-0 in a Football International here today.

The Dutch outside scored the winning goal in the first half. A crowd of 65,000 saw the match in the Olympic Stadium.—Reuter.

# Nominate YOUR Hongkong Footballer Of The Year

Members of the public are invited to nominate whom they consider to be Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be received until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong.

To The Editor, China Mail.

"My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the ..... Club.

(Signed) .....

# Brian Harper A New Star With An Old Familiar Name

A new star, with an old familiar name, exploded onto the boxing scene last week. He is Brian Harper, alias London, son of former British and Empire Heavyweight Champion Jack London.

Harper's professional debut was short and sweet. Under the glare of the Royal Albert Hall art lights he knocked out Dennis Lockton within two minutes of the first round.

During his brief stay Mr. Lockton, specially brought down from Manchester for the occasion, found time for a couple of 7 and 9 before the final ring cross put him down for good. This sort of treatment is nothing new where Harper is concerned. He has been exploding in and around rings ever since he laced on his first pair of boxing gloves as a determined schoolboy.

## KNOCKOUT WINS

Few of his fights have lasted the distance. Many were the amateurs who heaved a sigh of relief when Harper turned pro. Knockout wins he had by the dozen, a couple of opponents being dumped into ringside seats.

Only once has Harper's aggressive spirit misfired. That was in Milan last October. Boxing in the amateur international against Italy, Harper had 2,000 Italians thirsting for blood after he had thrust gloved thumbs into his opponent's eyes. Police escorted him from the ring.

He has been on the receiving end of doubtful tactics, too. When he first fought for England, for instance.

It was against Scotland and England, leading 6-2 and to win the last fight to clinch victory. His opponent began by planting his head, firmly between Harper's eyebrows. Not satisfied, he leaned on him, rushed him to ropes and half-smothered him with punches known to no book of rules.

This was kindergarten stuff compared to the second round. The Scotsman, swung a palpably low punch. Harper, doubled up with pain, took a count of eight.

Then he entered into the spirit of the thing, half-punched, half-threw his opponent to the floor at the third. After receiving the verdict he joined his opponent at supper.

## MILLION DOLLAR PRIZE

Since then he has battered his way to more headlines, snatching the ABA and Empire Games titles on the way.

Now he looks to the million dollar prize—the World Heavyweight crown.

Can he make it? It is too early to say. Professionally he has yet to be tested. We have only seen a brown haired 20-year-old, with

## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Exhibition matches between PT Davis Cup team and HK (HKCC) 4.15 p.m.  
Meetings  
HKASA Executive Committee Meeting S.C.M. Post Board Room 5.30 p.m.  
HKASA Council Meeting 3.45 p.m.  
Sports Road.  
**TOMORROW**  
Soccer  
Div. 1: Eastern Army (CH) v RAF v Sha Tin (CH) v Police v Club (BS) All matches at 8 p.m.  
Div. 2: A: St. Joseph's v. South China (Navy) 6 p.m.  
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**WEDNESDAY**  
Soccer  
Div. 1: South China v KMS (CH) 8 p.m.  
Div. 2: A: Police v. RAF (BS) 8 p.m.  
Div. 2: B: CMB v Telephone (Navy) All matches at 8 p.m.  
Hockey  
Div. 2: A: RAF v. Soccer Div. 2: A (Kai Tak) 8.45 p.m.

## TABLE TENNIS SCORING FOR COURT GAME

Cleveland, Apr. 3. Table tennis scoring with 21 points constituting a set, was used in the final of the Annual Professional Indoor Lawn Tennis Championships here yesterday. Richard Gonzales of the United States won the title, beating Pancho Segura, of Ecuador, 2-16, 19-21, 21-8, 20-22, 21-19. In the championship, only one service was allowed and the service changed every five points. Matches were decided on the best of five sets.—Reuter.

## NOTICE

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# Magnetic Attraction

By HENRY LONGHURST

It has been said that there are two kinds of golf—golf and tournament golf. The former is the mainstay of the game and goes on, we hope, for ever, but there is much fun to be had from reading about, occasionally watching, and even more occasionally participating in the latter. The fun depends, though, not so much on low scores as on the people who make them.

Many months ago, having got a kind friend to send me from the States a copy of "The Bobby Jones Story," a compilation of the writings of his lifelong friend and biographer, the late O. B. Keeler, I registered the hope that some enterprising publisher would take it up in England.

I even went so far as to say it ought to be made compulsory reading for the young. It is from browsing through the British edition which I am, published by Folsom at 18s. four and a half gold balls, that my thoughts have been running on the personalities that run so speedily through its pages and on the comparative lack of them today.

Neither sixty sixes nor pizazzes, clothing nor occasional bouts of club throwing make a personality, though all have been tried. Jones himself probably shared with Walter Hagen the distinction of being the greatest magnet of them all.

People flocked to see him throughout the seven years he was came to be known, with the was always the bridegroom but never the blushing bride. They watched him when he was eight successive years he was either Open or Amateur Champion of the United States—and four times one or the other in Britain as well.

## RETIRED AT 28

He retired, as I trust every schoolboy knows, in 1930 at the fantastic age of 28, having won all four in one year, and passed completely from the golfing stage. Six years later, on his way home from the Olympic Games in Berlin, he thought he would pay a sentimental pilgrimage to the Old course at St. Andrews.

A modest private four-ball was arranged—and when they got on the first tee several thousand people had turned up, on an equally sentimental pilgrimage, to see their idol play. Jones, I believe, said it was the most moving experience of his life.

Yet he of all people never sought, to be the "star turn." He never looked for limelight or "put on an act." His clothes were orthodox, his demeanour that of a man sincerely modest. Hagen, the other great "star," was precisely the reverse. There are no "Jones stories" innumerable "Hogan stories." These too are due for publication soon, as the "Jones stories" have been exhausted in the press.

Hagen lives in a cottage at Pilgrim Village, up in the lakes of Michigan, and his constant insistence that it is just the weather for fishing or just the moment for another tray of refreshment has delayed the work by several years.

## WILLINGLY PAID UP

Hagen wore gay clothing, changed his trousers for a different colour at lunchtime, kept people waiting till the limelight was securely focused for his own entrance, wise-cracked with the company as he walked along, and went on the self-proclaimed principle of "making the easy shots look difficult." He reckoned the world owed him a diet of champagne, and the world willingly paid up.

The temptation to finish my humble space with anecdotes of Hagen is almost irresistible, but I seek the secret of the magnetism exerted equally by two men so completely opposite. It certainly does not come automatically with success, for I would even whisper, at a safe

range of some thousands of miles that I don't think the great Hagen has it, mighty as his personal and public achievements have been.

Cotton certainly had it—and retains it now, for people still prefer to watch him taking 72 than the winner doing a 68.

George Duncan had it. So did Joyce Wethered and, in a way, Abe Mitchell—and two less ostentatious persons you could hardly imagine. What the answer is I do not know. All I know is that we could do with a few who have got it today.

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deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that  
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50(1) of the Probate and Adminis-  
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tors and others to send in their  
claims against the above estate to  
the 28th day of April, 1955.

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Dated the 1st day of April, 1955.  
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# Mohammed Ali Will Discuss Turco-Iraqi Pact

Montreux, Apr. 3.  
Pakistani Premier and Foreign Minister  
Mohammed Ali arrived here tonight to preside  
over a three-day conference of Pakistan's diplo-  
matic representatives in the Middle East.

The conference will open tomorrow at the  
Hotel Montreux Palace, where the International  
Conference on the Turkish Straits was held in  
1936.

The talks will be held behind  
closed doors.

Mr. Ali, who came in from  
Geneva's Cointrin airport after  
a brief stopover in Lausanne,  
was accompanied by Mrs. Ali and  
several Pakistani officials, in-  
cluding Mr. G. A. Rahin, Secre-  
tary for Foreign Affairs, and Mr.  
S. K. Delhavi, his assistant.

It was understood in well-  
informed quarters here that the  
main object of the conference  
was to study the situation in the  
Middle East, arising from the  
conclusion of the Turco-Iraqi  
defence treaty and the resulting  
tension between Turkey and  
some of the Arab nations, es-  
pecially Syria and Egypt.

These quarters said that  
the conference would take  
the form of consultations  
on the attitude to be  
adopted by the Govern-  
ment of Pakistan towards  
the events in the Middle  
East, but no formal decisions  
would be taken before Mr.  
Ali's return to Karachi.

They added, however, that  
the results of the talks could  
play an important part in  
determining Karachi's eventual  
decision whether or not to  
join the Turco-Iraqi pact to  
which Great Britain, has just  
adhered. — France-Press.

# Marlene Best Tailored Woman



New York, Apr. 3.  
Grandmother Marlene Diet-  
rich today led the list of the  
Custom Tailors Guild's annual  
"Ten Best Tailored Women in  
America".

Running a close second was  
Grace Kelly, who won Holly-  
wood's top acting award last  
week.

Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby,  
Secretary of Health, Education  
and Welfare, represented  
women in public life on the  
Guild's 1955 list.

Others named were singer  
Maurice Piazza, dance ex-  
pert Mrs. Arthur Murray ac-  
tress Loretta Young, singer Jane  
Pickens, columnist Dorothy  
Kilgallen, millionairess Gloria  
Vanderbilt and operatic soprano  
Roberta Peters.

The Fashion Guild said these  
women had an "unfading  
ability" to choose suits that  
were well-tailored. — United Press.

# Tenancy Case Appeal Upheld

An appeal against a ruling of  
Mr. James Wicks, former Dis-  
trict Court Judge, given in a  
tenancy case heard before him  
in Kowloon, on December 14,  
1954, was allowed by the Full  
Court comprising Mr. Justice  
T. J. Gould (Acting Chief  
Justice) and Mr. Justice C. W.  
Rice (Puisne Judge) this  
morning.

Mr. Wicks' ruling inter alia  
was that the entry of the first  
appellant with the approval of  
the second appellant upon the  
premises (the right shop front  
of No. 3 Fei Ho Street, ground  
floor, Kowloon) was a trespass.

In their judgment, their  
Lordships ordered the case to  
be remitted back to the District  
Court for the local judge to  
take the necessary steps for the  
completion of the case. (A  
counter-claim by second ap-  
pellants against respondent for  
trespass is pending).

Appellants were Yu Cheung  
trading as Yuk Lin Tong, and  
the Shung Yuen Land Invest-  
ment Co., Ltd. They were rep-  
resented by Mr. Lawrence,  
Leong instructed by Mr. G.  
Hampton of Messrs Hastings and  
Company.

Respondent, Chan Chi-yung,  
was not legally represented.

# Mail Notices

The latest times of posting  
shown below are those for un-  
registered correspondence posted  
at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest  
posting times elsewhere which,  
in general, are earlier than the  
G.P.O. times can be ascertained  
by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for  
registered articles are generally  
one hour earlier than the times  
shown below. Particulars regard-  
ing parcel mails can be ascertained  
by enquiry at any post office.

MONDAY, APRIL 4  
By Air  
Philippines 5 p.m.  
Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.  
Panama, Japan, Middle East,  
Africa, Great Britain & Europe,  
8 p.m.  
By Surface  
N. Borneo 3 p.m.  
Macao, 5 p.m.

# Gregory Celebrates 134th Revolution Anniversary



A great Army parade was held in the streets of Athens recently in celebration of the  
134th anniversary of the Greek Revolution against the Turks (March 25, 1821). King Paul  
and his family attended the service in Athens Cathedral. Picture shows the Greek Royal  
Family leaving Athens Cathedral after the service. King Paul and Queen Frederika lead,  
followed by Crown Prince Constantine with Princess Irene (in centre) and Princess Sophia.  
— Express Photo.

# TOURISTS WILL SEE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM

# But Traces Of The Monarchy Are Being Removed

Belgrade, Apr. 3.

The Communist authorities in a central  
Serbian village are preparing the mausoleum of  
the Karadjordjevic dynasty, former kings of  
Serbia and Yugoslavia, for summer tourists.

All trace of the Monarchy is, however, being  
removed.

Gardeners have taken advantage of the mild  
winter to trim hedges and prune trees in the park  
surrounding the Byzantine-style church on  
Oplenac hill, which houses the remains of the  
Royal family. Here are the tombs of the original  
Kara-Djordje ("Black George"), who liberated  
Serbia from the Turks 150 years ago, down to  
King Alexander, assassinated at Marseilles, in  
1934.

In the centre of Topola, at  
the foot of Oplenac, stands a  
war memorial to those who  
fell in World War I, with a  
gilt inscription "erected in  
gratitude by King Alexander I  
and the wounded and citizens  
of Topola."

## GILT REMOVED

Although the gilt has now  
been removed from the  
words "King Alexander I"  
they are still legible.

In the same way, the foreign  
visitor to this sleepy, dusty  
village will still sense its con-  
nection with history, though no  
Karadjordjevic — originally a  
family of prosperous pig traders  
— now lives here.

The postwar Titmick (Yugo-  
slav Tourist Agency) guide book  
to Serbia describes the mauso-  
leum thus: "Here, at a spot  
called Oplenac, is located the  
Church of St George, whose  
construction was started in 1912  
and completed in 1939. Its crypt  
was completed in 1932.

"This exceptionally beautiful  
church in Serb-Byzantine style  
is lined with vari-coloured  
marble slabs on the outside,  
while its interior is marble and  
mosaic. It is the resting place  
of Leader Kara-Djordje, whose  
remains were brought here from  
the church in Topola in 1931."

From local inhabitants, the  
visitor will learn that the  
church was built by King  
Alexander (1888-1934), who is  
also buried in the crypt.

In the transepts lie, under  
plain marble blocks, Kara-  
Djordje and King Peter I, who  
led the Serbian army in World  
War I, and became first King of  
Yugoslavia after the country's  
formation in 1918.

Now that most of the Kara-  
djordjevic family are in exile,  
their existence is virtually  
ignored by the regime. The  
wedding of Prince Alexander &  
Princess Maria Pia of Savoy in  
Portugal in February was not  
reported in the Yugoslav Press.

## KEPT CLEAN

The mausoleum, now  
under the protection of the  
state, is kept clean and tidy,  
and visitors are encouraged.  
The roof, however, needs  
repair, and the custodian  
which the custodian said  
was caused by German  
shells during the war.

King Alexander, in building  
the mausoleum, wished to em-  
phasize the continuity of the  
Karadjordjevic monarchy with  
history.

He employed German crafts-  
men to decorate the entire wall  
space of the church and its crypt  
with mosaics, copied from  
frescoes in the monasteries  
founded by the rulers of the  
powerful Serbian Empire, who  
succumbed to the Turks in the  
fourteenth century.

Thereby he hoped to graft  
the Karadjordjevic dynasty on  
the achievements of medieval  
Serbia, bridging the gap of five  
centuries of Turkish occupation  
and national obliteration.

Before World War II, it could  
have been argued that he was  
over-optimistic. The Kara-  
djordjevic dynasty was not con-  
tinuous during the last century,  
but alternated with that of the  
Obrnenovic and several rulers  
including Kara-Djordje and  
Alexander himself met death at  
the hand of assassins.

## PROVED WRONG

History, in fact, proved  
him wrong, since the  
dynasty ended abruptly  
with World War II and the  
advent of Communism.

Alexander lies beside his  
mother with, on the other side,  
an empty tomb. Of all the tombs  
in the crypt, more than half are  
empty. They were destined for  
his descendants, who Alex-  
ander hoped, would be future  
Kings of Yugoslavia.

No icons are seen in the  
church today. No candles burn  
there now. Instead, the frescoes  
are efficiently lit by cold electric  
light. — China Mail Special.

# Radio Hongkong

7 p.m. Signal and Programme  
Summary: 8 p.m. Children's Half Hour  
presented by Joan and Valerie  
(Studio); 8.30 Australian Catalogue  
the fortnightly review of Australian  
Industry; 9 p.m. Songs We Remember  
(Studio); 9.15 The World News (Studio);  
9.30 World News (Studio); 9.45  
Signal World News (Studio); 10 p.m.  
Commentary (London Relay);  
10.15 Special: "Anno Domini 1955".  
10.30 Short Story read by John Butler  
(Studio); 10.45 Kommando Eos and his  
Orchestra — A programme of this  
American band (Studio); 11 p.m.  
Signal Collectors Corner presented  
by Robert Scott (Studio); 11.30  
Asian Club — A Madras Selection  
Speaker: Sir John McNeil, F.R.C.S.  
(Recorded London Relay); 11.45  
International Cabaret presented by  
Denise Graham (Studio); 12.05  
Much Binding with Richard  
Murdoch and Kenneth Horne, Sam  
Costa, Maurice Denham, Dora Bryan  
(RECEIVED); 12.10 Weather Report; 12  
Tune: "Good Night" (Studio); 12.15  
Don't Forget The Queen; 1.30 Close  
Down.

# ADENAUER APPEAL ON BEHALF OF REFUGEES

Berlin, Apr. 3.

The West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, said today in  
a broadcast, commemorating the tenth anniversary of the expulsion of  
millions of Germans from their homelands in the East, that only a general  
peace could stop the stream of refugees in the world.

In an address over Rias, the  
American radio in West Berlin,  
which also broadcast to Com-  
munist East Germany, he said:  
"No day passes without people  
being forced to leave home and  
their belongings to seek refuge  
in the freedom of West Ger-  
many."

"We do not, however, want to  
forget that the refugee prob-  
lem is a world problem and that  
not only Germans have lost  
their homes. The number of re-  
fugees in the world is bigger to-  
day than it was ten years ago.  
Let us also bear in mind their  
misery and their plight."

"Only a general peace in the  
world and observance of the  
human rights in all countries  
will stop the stream of refugees.  
The West German Government  
is of the opinion that the human  
rights also include the right to  
the homeland." — Reuter.

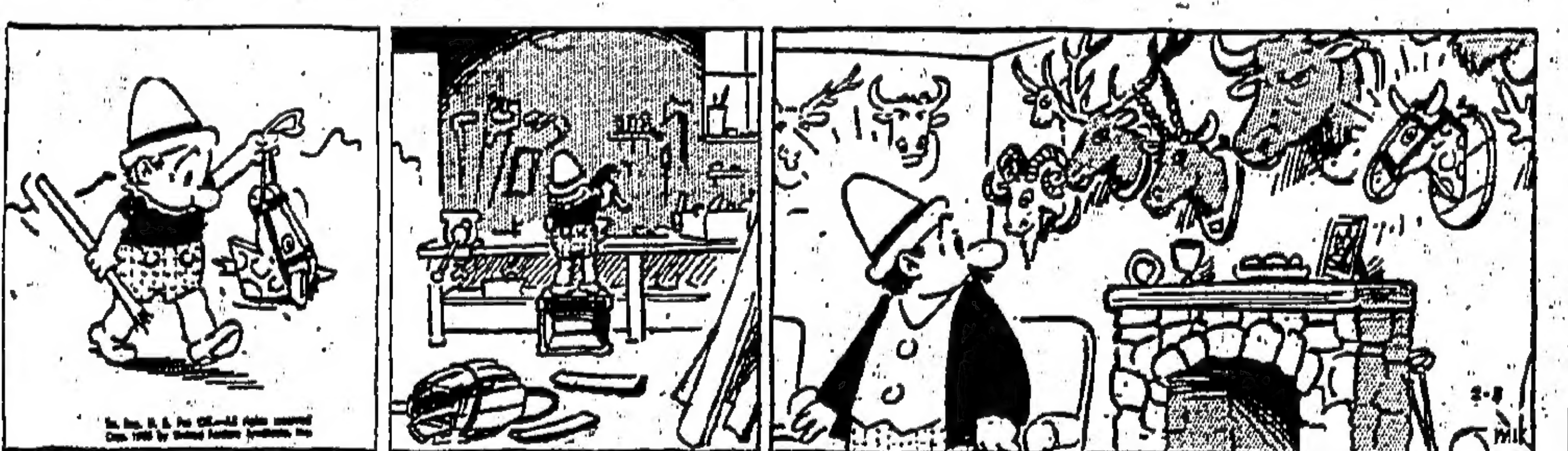
# MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



# FERD'NAND

By Milk



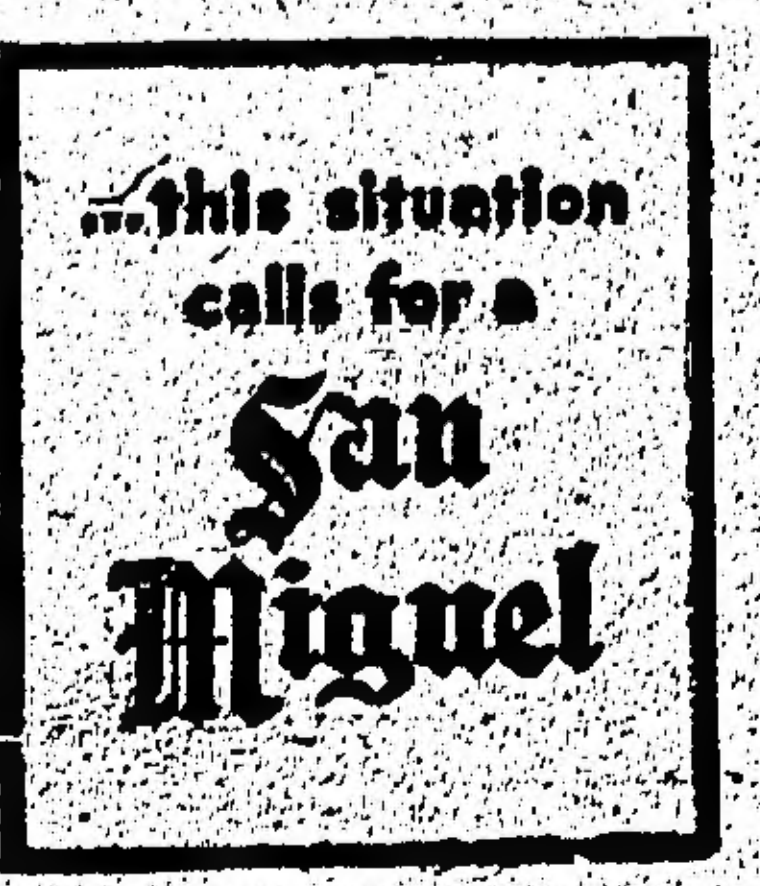
# NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



# JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins





## PHILIPPINE TRADE DELEGATION

New York, Apr. 3. Leaders of the Philippine trade and goodwill mission said today they had set as their immediate goal a \$10,000,000 annual increase in their sale of Philippine goods to the United States.

Mr. P. E. Domingo, mission chairman, said at a Press conference that the group's three-week tour of US cities from coast to coast had given a pretty good idea of the American demand for products of the Philippines, and of the steps necessary to market them.

In Seattle, the mission members found that American women were attracted by pina cloth and other pina products. In Washington, the mission inquired about Philippine industrial products that would not run into competition with US products.

### WOOD MARKET

There appeared to be an excellent market in the United States for plywood, hardwoods and other Philippine lumber products.

Mr. Domingo said there was considerable talk with Washington officials about US help in the processing of such raw materials of the islands as materials and lumber. There were inquiries about the possibility of boosting Philippine ship-building, smelting of ore, rolling mill and machine shop operations.

Mr. Domingo said that to get into the American market on a bigger scale the Philippines, industries would have to be "policed" by Filipinos through the home industry association of the Philippines in order to adopt uniform export standards.

### EXAMINATION

"We must process every export," he said. "We must see that before an order is accepted, the bank will examine the capacity of the exporter to produce."

He mentioned three vital conditions for increasing sales:

1. Philippine products must be presented well to American buyers.
2. Philippine capacity to produce in quantity must be assured.
3. Products must be of uniform quality and up to importers' standards—United Press.

## Argentina Oil Accord Reported

New York, Apr. 3. No confirmation was available here today concerning President Peron's announcement yesterday that an oil accord had been reached with foreign companies to develop Argentine oil production.

President Peron did not disclose the name of the companies involved in the agreement, which he said would greatly boost the country's oil production.

Oil circles here understood that the companies he referred to included Standard Oil Co. of California, Standard Oil (NJ) and the Royal Dutch-Shell group. All three companies confirmed today that negotiations had been going on in Buenos Aires.

A spokesman for Standard Oil Co. (NJ) told United Press: "We have not signed anything as yet but we are still negotiating with Argentina. It looks encouraging." A spokesman said: "We have received word that an agreement has been finally reached."

The Royal Dutch-Shell spokesmen have referred all queries about the Argentine negotiations to the firm's London headquarters. No comment was immediately available from that city today—United Press.

## The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Apr. 3. The Bank of France statement for the week ended March 24, reads as follows:

Total gold holding	France
201,251,501,471	
Total foreign currencies	11,194,706,209
Sign balance abroad	70,204,191,869
In ECU	
Advances to Govt.	127,000,000,000
Stable fund	1,197,290,304,510
Total bills accounted for	2,481,008,170,700
Bank note in circulation	115,962,042,463
Current accounts and deposits	

# TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

## WHAT HAS BUTLER TO GIVE AWAY?

### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

By Elmer Walzer

New York, Apr. 3. Stocks turned irregular this past week after a sharp rise a week ago.

Trading picked up and rounded out the biggest month of March in 25 years. Individual issues provided heavy volume and all of the features. The main list tended easier in industrials and utilities, and higher in the rails whose earnings are picking up sharply.

With the market bumping the bull market highs it was not surprising to the experts that the trading would turn selective with rotation of groups the order of the day.

Things atomic continued to spur wide gains in a long list although the advances were backed away by profit-taking late in the week.

**COPPER'S BENEFIT**  
Coppers got a real wind when the price of domestic copper was increased three cents a pound, bringing it more nearly in line with the much higher foreign price which had been luring copper away from the domestic users.

Copper shares at their levels had gained nearly 15 points on the week. Chile Copper was the first performer with Andes second. Good gains were scored by Magna, Corro de Pasco, Anaconda, American Smelting, and Copper Range.

In the electronics group, prices were pushed ahead for a time early in the week, but later selling cut them down. Among the so-called atom group, both Iron was the star. One day it soared 11 points. Next day it lost 10, the drop caused by an official denial it was planning a merger and a Navy statement there were no atomic destroyers contemplated at this time.

**AIRCRAFTS RETREAT**  
Balin-Lima-Hamilton continued in favour for a time on its projected atomic locomotive. General Dynamics had further vigour on its atomic submarine, the Nautilus. The aircrafts retreated.

Some of the oils had wide gains, notably Deep Rock, Houston and Texas Co.

Short covering played a part in a late spurt in the Friday session, after the list had run into moderate profit-taking.

The electrical equipments came to the forefront in the final session. Motors also were stronger.

The business news made good reading. The giant industries continued to operate under the recent high levels. — United Press.

## US Tariff Commission Hearings Conclusion

Washington, Apr. 3. The Tariff Commission concluded hearings today aimed to determine, in effect, the number of products on which the United States might cut imports duties in order to compensate Switzerland for last year's increase in wheat tariffs.

Included in the list to be negotiated at reciprocal trade talks with the Swiss are dyes, surveying instruments, clock mechanisms, cameras and camera parts and some other products.

The Commission also received information on possible duty reductions on fish products and other goods to be negotiated in similar talks with Japan.

**SPEED UP**  
Chairman Edgar B. Brossard told the United Press the Commission intends to report the result of its week-long hearings to President Eisenhower within the next two weeks, although the law allows a 120-day study period. He said the work would be accelerated so that the President may forward the information to the US delegations already in Switzerland and Japan.

The Commission's report will not be made public unless it is adopted by the President who must then take it up with Congressional committees. The idea of giving the Swiss tariff cuts to compensate them for the hike in wheat tariffs was vigorously protested by most of the industry's spokesmen appeared before the Commission. — United Press.

## Rising Production Buys Hopes For Tax Concessions

From Ronald Boxall

London, Apr. 3.

The Government's annual Economic Survey has been eagerly scanned for clues to the Chancellor's Budget intentions. Lacking the informed comment of the strike bound national Press the general public has passed lightly over the less pleasant aspects of the current situation and fastened its hopes on passages dealing optimistically with the prospects for long run economic expansion.

Certainly there is much to place on the credit side. Production is still rising—and what is more important so is output per man-hour. Real incomes are higher than they have ever been and this has enabled Britain to increase both its internal consumption and investment in new industrial equipment. At the same time personal savings have been maintained at around 1s. 5d. for every pound of personal income. This was possible because wages and salaries rose last year by 7½ per cent while retail prices went up by only 1½ per cent.

All this, together with the fact that the 1954-55 Budget year has ended with an ordinary surplus of £433 million, has naturally encouraged the hopes that the Chancellor will have something to "give away" in his Budget on April 19. But it overlooks the fact that the Government's balance of payments ran into a serious deficit of £212 million (including defence aid) earned in transactions with the rest of the world in the first half of the year, was transformed in the second into a deficit of £12 million. This worsening move-over, was all on the non-sterling side of the United Kingdom's payments account.

Partly because of this and partly because of seasonal factors the sterling area outside Britain had a surplus with the rest of the non-sterling world of only £3 million in the second half of 1954 compared with a surplus of £113 million in the first half. Thus instead of earning a surplus of £325 million as it did in 1953 the sterling area as a whole barely managed to pay its way in 1954. This explains the fall in gold reserves and the weakening of sterling late in 1954 and early this year and amply justifies the strict measures taken in Britain and Australia to restore the situation.

There is no mystery about the deterioration in Britain's external position. The natural consequence of prosperity at home is a rising import bill for raw materials and consumer goods on the one hand and a tendency for goods to be diverted away from the export trade into the home market on the other. The situation moreover has been aggravated recently by a rise in import prices without any corresponding rise in export prices—which means that Britain has now to export more to be able to buy the same volume of imports.

## N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William Plunkett

New York, Apr. 3.

Cotton futures finished the week with minor gains and losses after swaying haphazardly over a range of \$3 a bale.

Price-weakening factors included the slackening volume of raw cotton exports, in face of uncertainty as to the Government's intention to handle the new export subsidy policy.

Nearly contracts bore the brunt of the selling, with the May delivery dropping to 33.19 cents a pound in the mid-week, setting the lowest spot month price in four weeks.

Subsequent rallies reflected technical conditions within the markets, and a realization that the futures went to a normal correction.

**EXPORT SITUATION**  
Possibilities for a higher Government loan rate in the new crop, suggested by the mid-March parity price rise, and firmness of spot prices generated some intermittent rallying power.

But the beleaguered export situation dominated all market thinking. Agriculture Secretary Mr. Benson, said his department is not ready to issue a formal statement on cotton exports. But he gave assurance surplus cotton will not be "in a way to break world markets," and indicated he might make formal statement soon to "clear the atmosphere."

Foreign brokers were leading sellers of new crop deliveries while the export subsidy question was debated. Straddle traders pointed out that the New York-Liverpool Oct-Nov spread has reached down to 74 points—United Press.

## U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Apr. 3. Raw cotton exports by destination was reported in sales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1954-55 season by March 28 were as follows:

Britain	380,000
France	1,400,000
Canada	812,000
Others	18,000
Total for season	2,897,000
Same period last year	2,577,000

\* excluding Italy—United Press.

### THE PROBLEM

The problem for Britain's economic policy is how to slow down the rise in demand at home so as to preserve a proper balance between imports and exports while at the same time creating the conditions for long run economic expansion.

Fortunately prospects are not as gloomy as they may seem. Taking the home demand and the exports demand together, says the Economic Survey, there is a likelihood of some further expansion in 1955. But industrial

## Coffee Accord To Stabilise Prices

Rio de Janeiro, Apr. 3. Brazil and Colombia, world's largest coffee producers, have agreed on the basis for an international coffee producers accord to stabilise coffee prices and avert undue speculation, it was announced officially today.

A foreign ministry announcement said the agreement was reached between Brazilian Minister Eugenio Guan, Manuel Mejia, President of the Colombian Coffee Growers Association, and Raul Dieckmann, President of the Brazilian Coffee Institute.

The announcement did not disclose the specific steps to be taken. It said merely that the conversations had established "a general approach for steps to impede abnormal fluctuations of coffee prices."

It added that other signatories of the conference coffee resolution already had endorsed the results of the conversations here. The resolution, signed by 81 Latin American coffee producers, calls for a meeting to study the convenience of setting up an international coffee agreement. — United Press.

### British Steel Mission

New Delhi, Apr. 3. A British mission arrived here by air today to discuss plans for the setting up of a British steel plant in India. It is expected the British plant would have an output of 1,000,000 tons of steel a year and would be located at Durgapur in Bengal. India recently signed an agreement with Russia for the building of a steel plant in central India. Another plant is being built by German assistance in eastern India. — Reuter.

## HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$410,892.30. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HSBC	1500	7	1533
INDUSTRIALS			
Union	965		
DOCKS			
K. Wharf	60 1/2		
Dock X	24 7/8		
PROPERTIES			
XALL	12	1000	11.50
Wheelock	7 1/2	7.20	1000
Land	17.40	17 1/2	1000
HSK Hotel	17.40	17 1/2	1000
HTK Land	84	85	250
Humphrey	23.02 1/2	6000	2.02 1/2
Utilities			
Star Ferry	20 1/2		
Ymat Ferry	113	200	112
C. Light (C)	18 1/2	170	18 1/2
C. Light (N)	14 1/2	1000	14 1/2
Electric	35 1/2	300	35 1/2
Telephone	30 1/2	31 1/2	2326
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	28 5/8		
Stores, etc.			
Dairy	21.80	22 1/2	1300
Watson	13.30	13 1/2	500
Watson	13.30	13 1/2	500
COTTONS			
Textile Corps	6	1000	5.90
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yongtse	8 1/4	6000	8.35
		1000	8.30
		200	8.25
		200	8.20
		200	8.15
		4000	4.22 1/2
Alfred	4.50	4.50	200

## Singapore Stock Market

Singapore, Apr. 4. Brokers today quoted the following stock prices:

	Apr. 4 Opening
British Overseas Petroleum	30/9d
Synthetic	30/9d
Consolidated Tin Smelters	30/9d
Ordinary	30/9d
Fraser & Neave Ltd.	51/9d
Ordinary issue	50/6d
7 1/2% cum. pref.	50/6d
Banking & Shanghai Bank	50/6d
Corp. (Colonial Register)	50/6d
Malayan Breweries	50/6d
Lat Pau	50/6d
Singapore Cold Storage	50/6d
South British Insurance	50/6d
Other securities	50/6d
Straits Steamship	50/6d
United Engineers Ordinary	50/6d
Waters Brothers	50/6d
Hongkong Tin	50/6d
Petaling Tin	50/6d
with div. China Mail Special.	

## The Bank Of England Statement

London, Apr. 3. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Mar. 30, reads as follows:

Note in circulation	Sterling
1,296,260,420	
Public deposits	1,792,633
Private deposits	2,421,168
Government securities	712,581,629
Other securities	2,251,469
Receipts	2,519,834
Ratio	

## LACK OF NEWS SLOWS MARKETS

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Apr. 3.

Both quietness and firmness of the London stock markets last week could be largely ascribed to the lack of national newspapers.

With the main body of investors unable to get information about movement of prices or current company news the volume of business was down to a minimum. Only good news filtered through to the markets and bad news remained unreported.

Thus the scare over the situation in Formosa had next to no effect while the Economic Survey, with its optimistic forecast of continuing prosperity, and the favourable outcome of the 1954-55 financial year discouraged any tendency to sell.

### INDUSTRIALS FLUCTUATE

In this state of the market the relatively small buying orders had a disproportionately large effect on prices, most of which were up.

Glutted improved steadily through the week with War Loan 3 1/2 per cent up 15s to £85 15s. Industrials fluctuated narrowly at first but a firmer tendency set in with the opening of the new account and plus signs were liberally sprinkled through the main body of shares.

Shipping shares were marked down on labour troubles in Liverpool docks but rallied when work was resumed.

Newspaper shares fell at the start of the Fleet Street strike but recovered later on belief that the price of the national morning papers will have to be increased to meet losses caused through the stoppage.

### Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates: U.S. dollar (per \$1) 5.81; Sterling notes (per £1) 15.65; Indian rupee (per 100) 12.12; Siam baht (per 100) 27.60; Singapore (Straits) 1.80; Indo-China piastres (per 100) 8.70.

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Arrives Apr. 6 from Manila.  
Sails Apr. 7 for Singapore, Penang, Rangoon, Chittagong & Calcutta.

**"REBEVERETT"**  
Arrives Apr. 22 from Singapore.  
Sails Apr. 22 for Kobe & Yokohama.  
(Accepting cargo for transhipment Kobe/Fusan and Kobe/Okinawa)

**EVERETT STAR LINE**  
Fast regular freight — refrigerator service to Japan, Malaya, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi and Persian Gulf.  
(Subject to inducement for direct call Korea).

**"THAI"**  
Arrives Apr. 16 from Singapore.  
Sails Apr. 16 for Kobe & Yokohama.

**"STAR ARCTURUS"**  
Arrives Apr. 19 from Japan.  
Sails Apr. 20 for Singapore, Port Swettenham, Colombo, Bombay, Karachi, Khorramshahr, Basrah, Kuwait & Bahrain.

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